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"was in the society of Mrs. John Taylor, a most intelligent excellent woman.....mild and unassuming, quiet and meek, sitting amidst ker large family, occupied with her needle and domestic occupations, but always assisting, by her great knowledge, the advancement of kind and dignified sentiment and conduct."

society, after five years of exile in India, writes to her from Bombay:—

"Your letters rouse my mind on subjects which interest us in common : friends, children, literature, and life. Their moral tone cheers and braces me. I ought to be made permanently better by contemplating a mind like yours, which seems more exclusively to derive its gratifications from its duties than almost any

He speaks also of his correspondent's "vigorous understanding and decisive character." This, to be sure, was written to Mrs. Taylor herself, but the whole tone of the letter, which occupies five pages in Mackintosh's 'Memoirs,' is sincere. In this letter he seems to have traced in outline with great felicity the completeness and balanced variety of his friend's character, and it is to be regretted that Mrs. Ross has not given more space to the filling of it in, especially from the material used sparingly by Mrs. Richmond Ritchie in drawing her charming sketch of Mrs. Taylor, contributed two years ago to Macmillan's Magazine. If we may judge by the specimens given by Mrs. Ritchie and by Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Taylor's letters, early and late, were admirable. She was probably as a rule too busy a housewife to write for the press, but in 1807 a paper of hers on Mrs. Opie was printed in the Norwich Cabinet, though this is not chronicled by Mrs. Ross.

The John Taylors sent out into the world seven children, and all the five sons proved successful. The elder of the daughters, Susan, who became in 1807 the happy wife of Dr. Reeve, a distinguished young surgeon of the town, was left a widow in 1814, their only child being Mr. Henry Reeve, the well-known editor of the Edinburgh Review. The other daughter was Sarah, born in 1793, who in 1819 married John Austin, who had been called to the Bar twelve months before. The engagement was made five years previously, and was a great surprise to the Taylors' circle of acquaintance, for Sarah had been a gay, if not giddy girl, fond of society and of the social triumphs which her beauty and liveliness had made easy. Austin seems to have been anything but gay, yet she had fallen in love with him and all that he was, and her friends found her suddenly transformed into "the most demure, reserved and decorous creature in existence," and some "thought it could not last." But the love and devotion, at all events, lasted through a long married life which was far from prosperous. The list of books which the girl read during her engagement is calculated to appal the most eager graduate of Girton, but probably nothing else would have been so suitable a preparation for the career of literary work—one might almost say drudgery-in store for her. And her lover's letters were not always cheering, if this passage from one quoted by Mrs. Austin in her sad little memoir of her husband is a fair specimen :-

"And may God above all strengthen us to bear up under those privations and disappoint-ments with which it is but too probable we are destined to contend."

And she was similarly encouraged in some and dignified sentiment and conduct."

solemn verses sent by Mrs. Barbauld. lady to Victor Cousin. Then the friends hit on a scheme to retain the Austins in all that was most distinguished in European young people were at last married, Mrs. London—a lectureship of jurisprudence at

Austin's constitutional good spirits revived. They settled in

"the upper part of No. 1, Queen Square, Westminster, next door to Mr. James Mill and close to Mr. Jeremy Bentham. Two people more unlike it would have been difficult to find -Mr. Austin habitually grave and despondent; his wife brilliantly handsome, fond of society, in which she shone, and with an almost superabundance of energy and animal spirits.

And surely Mrs. Austin had need of her happy temperament and all her energy as well as of the support of the friends who began to gather round her, for by the time her first and only child (afterwards Lady Duff Gordon) was born, in June, 1821, it had become manifest that Mr. Austin was unfitted for the practice of his profession. He was "sensitive and nervous in the highest degree....distrusted himself, and was deficient in readiness and self-reliance." The wolf seems to have been kept from the door mainly by Mrs. Austin's earnings as a contributor to the magazines, and it was not until 1827 that an opening for her husband appeared in the shape of an appointment to the Chair of Jurisprudence in the new London University. A year was spent in Germany by Mr. Austin in preparation for his professorship, and by Mrs. Austin in gaining that know-ledge of Germany, its people, language, and literature, which was to prove of such substantial benefit both to herself and to her countrymen. The chair at the outset promised to be a success, but, as time went on, the attendance decreased, and as it was a chair which after the first two years was cushioned only by fees, it had to be abandoned. The lectures, however, bore fruit in extended fame for the lecturer when they had been collected in a volume entitled 'The Province of Jurisprudence Determined'a work whose authority remained, until quite recently, unchallenged in England, though its principles failed to obtain acceptance on the Continent.

All this time poor Mrs. Austin never lost heart. While working on cheerily with needle and pen, educating her daughter and nursing her husband, she had always a stock of sympathy over and above the somewhat exigent requirements of her household for an ever-widening circle of friends. "We cannot live on air," she writes to her sister, "but must go somewhere where our little means will support us. Plan we have none." She inclined to Germany, her husband to Paris and the construction of a complete Corpus Juris (how like Coleridge it all reads!), when in 1833 Lord Brougham put Mr. Austin on the Criminal Law Commission. But its powers authorized only tinker-ing, and as Mr. Austin's colleagues would not listen to his scheme for the construction of something new he resigned, seriously the worse in health for the friction. Mrs. Austin describes herself as the busiest woman in the world, and cheered by the success of her 'Characteristics of Goethe.' But England was too dear a place to live in, and a return to Bonn was thought of. "People all exclaim and regret, and are au desespoir, and I am quite 'the fashion'—but that will not enable us to live," writes the much tried

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the Inner Temple. But it would not do. Austin could not impart any knowledge which students could turn into immediate current coin, and the course had no practical result but another break-down in health and spirits. Mrs. Austin at this time delighted the nursery world with her translation of Carové's 'Story without an End'her Lucie's favourite book—and house-hunted for the Carlyles, on whom the charms of Craigenputtock had palled. After a year's exile at Boulogne, where the Austins made friends with Heine and with the fisherfolk in 1836, John Austin was appointed by the Colonial Department to go, with Mr. (afterwards Sir) George Cornewall Lewis as joint-commissioner, to Malta to inquire into grievances of which the natives complained. The two years' residence there appears to have been the brightest episode in the life of the Austins. He had work to do which suited him, while she found scope for her energies and sympathies in schemes for relieving the poverty and dispelling the ignorance of the lower, and in gaining the confidence of the upper, classes, who had been long alienated from the English exe-cutive. The official commissioners worked hard at reforms legal, political, and administrative. Mrs. Austin taught the monitors of the Normal School; she gave children's balls, and although never dining out or giving dinner parties enjoyed herself thoroughly. But this happy time soon came to an end. A new ministry at home withdrew the commission, and by August, 1838, Mrs. Austin was in London again, busy with society and with her translation of Ranke's 'Lives of the Popes,' the work by which, perhaps, she became best known to the public. Lucie, who had grown into a young woman during her parents' absence in Malta, gratified them by becoming en-gaged to Sir Alexander Duff Gordon, although Mrs. Austin describes the lover as having "nothing but a small impiego, his handsome person, excellent and sweet character, and his title (a great misfortune)." About this time there was a good deal of correspondence regarding education with Mr. Gladstone, who at the end of a long letter apologizes for not making it longer by informing Mrs. Austin that

"private circumstances of no common interest are upon me, as I have become very recently engaged to be married to Miss Glynne, and I hope your recollections will enable you in some

degree to excuse me."

In the early summer of 1840 Mr. Austin's health compelled him to go to Carlsbad. He was, of course, accompanied by his wife, and in Germany the pair led a nomadic life until 1844, spending the summers at Carlsbad and the winters in Dresden or Berlin. Mr. Austin does not seem to have been able to do much beyond writing one or two papers in the Edinburgh Review, but his wife was as busy as ever, translating and reviewing and studying the men and manners and politics of Germany, to say nothing of carrying on an immense correspondence with friends in England and France. Among her numerous activities at this time were her letters to the Times and the Athenaum (the latter mainly on art and manners), some of which would be well worth collecting from the volumes of 1841-3. But in 1842 she fretted at the homeless, aimless kind

of existence they were leading, and wished to return to England. That was not to be, however, and they oscillated between Berlin and Carlsbad until 1844, when they settled in Paris, where they remained until the revolution drove them and some of their friends over to England. At first they were disposed to like Berlin. An entry in the diary for November, 1842, describes a "very agreeable" tea-party at Schelling's :-

"Two Grimms and Madame Grimm, Ranke, "Two Grimms and Madame Grimm, Ranke, Steffens, Countess Bohlen, Perz and wife, De Savigny, and others. I talked to Wilhelm, taking him for Jacob. He told me of my mistake, and I said it did not signify, the brothers Grimm were one thing. Presently Jacob came and sat by me. I told him I had been forewarned that he would run away from a stranger and a woman—an Englishwoman. On the contrary, he was polite, cordial, and willing to talk.....His exterior is striking and engaging. He has the shyness and simplicity of a German man of letters, but without any of the awkward, uncouth, ungentlemanlike air which is so common among them Wilhelm is also a fine-looking man, younger, less imposing, less refined, but with a charming air of good nature and sense.....Ranke is a little insignificant-looking man, very like a Frenchman—small, vivacious, and a little conceited-looking. It seems the audience expected a scene—we were to fall into each other's arms. On the contrary, we appeared to be of one mind—viz., to meet with the utmost coolness and indifference. Madame Schelling said he was, what he seldom is, abashed.....Schelling was a most polite and effective host, and his wife did the honours better than any German woman I have seen. We women were not entrenched behind tables—fixtures against the walls, as is usual, while the men huddle into corners to talk."

But Berlin did not continue to please, and when in 1844 something to serve as a home had to be chosen, the tent was pitched in Paris. Her dear friend of thirty years, M. Barthélemy-St. Hilaire, describes how admirably Mrs. Austin kept her salon :-

"As she was poor intellect alone was the attraction and the ornament of the house..... It was a centre where France, England, Germany, and Italy met, and learnt to know and appreciate each other. Mrs. Austin spoke all four languages.....If any obtained admittance who were unworthy of these pleasant and useful reunions, they were eliminated with perfect tact, yet with a moral vigour which, without any fuss, was most efficacious.

In Paris she found old friends and acquaintances, such as St. Hilaire, Guizot, Cousin, Comte, Say, and Alfred de Vigny, and made many new ones, yet she discovered that all that glittered was not gold:

"I shall never feel at home in Paris-not even so much as in Germany. I see a vast number of eminent men, and as far as that goes it is interesting and amusing. But I shall never learn to breathe freely in the moral atmosphere of France. One main thing is the want of veracity, of which they all accuse one another—I fear, with reason. I never heard anything like what the public men say of each other. In all this Guizot stands alone. I see him often and intimately, with only his mother and children, and I respect and love him more and more. But how they abuse him !'

This letter is undated, but there is no appearance that even the Spanish marriages seriously shook Mrs. Austin's faith in Guizot. How much more readily the most abominable public crimes are forgiven or overlooked than private peccadillos, may be seen by the hard measure dealt out to poor Victor Cousin's vanities when he came to England in 1853. The incident was forgotten, but when it was an actuality Mrs. Austin thus described it to Guizot :-

"The dreaded French invasion has 'come off' this year, and has taken the direction of Wey. bridge. We have had MM. de Circourt, St. Hilaire [&c.], and last, not least, the Philosopher Cousin......I thought I knew him, but anything like his extravagance, his rudeness and his men-dacity, I could not have imagined or believed, if I had heard it from others......He wrote to me two days before his arrival that he came 'en Angleterre pour vous, et pour vous seule,' an absurdity twice repeated, and which, though I did not believe it, caused me to clear my house of other guests to receive him and St. Hilaire. He called once the day after he arrived, and dined one Sunday, and all the time talked like a madman about England and English things......I saw him no more."

The Austins saw the actual outbreak of February, 1848, but by the end of that month they were safe in London. Soon after they went to live at Weybridge in "a long low rambling cottage," which was destined to be their home as long as they lived. It was almost the only real home they ever possessed, and it was brightened in 1849 by the grant to Mrs. Austin of a pension on the Civil List of 100l. a year. The life there was quiet, but to her it was none the less a life of unremitting industry, of helpfulness and sympathy, claimed by troops of friendsold and new, all the old interests being kept up and fresh ones adopted. Among the pleasantest of Mrs. Austin's tasks was the editing of her old friend Sydney Smith's yet it had its comical little The book was first circulated memoir; privately, and ran the gauntlet of friendly criticism. Mrs. Austin puts a case of conscience to the Master of Trinity, and pleads it with her usual masculine good sense:-

"Lord Lyttelton has detected in our Sydney's 'Letters' 'two oaths,' or to speak more accurately (for there is no juration in the case) two 'd—ns.' You see, Sydney is mimicking Jeffrey, and most unquestionably Jeffrey did season his discourse with that sort of condiment. I am no admirer of it, but I must say that to strike out these two innocent little 'd—ns' seems to me about Jedy Holland who is anxious to me absurd. Lady Holland, who is anxious to make dear old Sydney as decorous as possible, suggests 'Hang the solar system.' Is that an improvement? It is not what Sydney would have said—that is certain.....Surely on these terms we had better let Sydney alone."

Everywhere there is evidence of the activity and variety of her correspondence. In 1855 she says, "I am continually receiving letters from Berlin, Dresden, and other parts of Germany"; but by this time health was beginning to fail, and she feared never to recover her powers of action or endurance, now living only "by the aid of a thousand tedious menagements." But she was resigned to taking her place mainly as an observer; and of the keenness of her insight into matters, political, social, and literary, there is much evidence in her letters. She thoroughly enjoyed her country life. In January, 1856, she sends to Mr. Hayward "the event of the day-my first snowdrop." "It is well for me," she says,

"that when in the world and drinking largely of its intoxications I did not lose the love of nature, which now stands me instead of all that I have lost.'

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ey-St. ner ng ened, to me e,' gh nse re. ed, Social pleasures would not answer now. "What can be done with a woman who must go to bed at 10 o'clock?" An enfeebled heart was the trouble, but "I am not the least gloomy," she adds. Yet there was surely cause enough. In March, 1857, she feels constrained to confide the grief of her life to the most intimate of her friends, M. Guizot:—

"The trials of my life have been numerous, various, and I may say, some of them, hard to bear. But all the rest shrink into insignificance compared to the despair of contemplating day by day and year by year my husband's resolute neglect or suppression of the talents committed to his care, especially since he was one to whom the ten talents were given......I can give you no idea of the flattering, and more than flattering, solicitations from all quarters [for a second edition of his 'Jurisprudence,' the first having been for many years exhausted]. The only effect of a fresh one is to make him look as if anybody had hit him a blow. He never makes the least answer or observation. How can he?...... The truth is, that many causes, and among them some very sufficient ones, long ago conspired to disgust him with men and their judgments and their affairs; and he, poor fellow, has made this an excuse to himself for obeying his own reluctance to set about work.....It is true that he was shamefully treated; but you and I know that there is another way of avenging oneself on the injustice of men......My husband is to me the object of the profoundest veneration and the tenderest pity......In my heart I continually commend him to God, and pray that his great and noble soul may find a sphere more fitted to its development. With this hope I am obliged to console myself for my bitter disappointment—not, believe me, that he has not coined his talents into gold, or risen upon them to power or greatness, but that he will depart out of the world without having done for the great cause of Law and Order, of Reason and Justice, what he might have done.......But God knows our ambitions, and checks them."

Mr. Austin died at the end of 1859, his passing away being almost unnoticed outside the circle of private friends. For a while his widow felt that "everything had come to an end" for her, but the spring of her energetic nature was not broken, and soon she set about reprinting the 'Lectures on Jurisprudence,' and with infinite and protracted toil putting into shape the "numerous scrawled scraps" left by Mr. Austin, to be inserted in the book, which was published in 1863. She added a short memoir, one of the most pathetic ever written.

Her widowhood lasted eight years, saddened by her abiding sense of loneliness, by anxieties about her own ill health, and, far more, about that of her daughter, but cheered by the happy marriage of her grand-daughter, the birth of a great-grandchild, and the affectionate solicitude of friends. She was engaged in the preparation of a third edition of her husband's 'Lectures' when she died somewhat suddenly on the 8th of August, 1867.

The bulk of Mrs. Ross's book, as is natural and fitting, is occupied by the record of Mrs. Austin's life and correspondence, and we have given it so much space that there is only room for a word on the "third generation" — represented by Lady Duff Gordon. There is no need for more, for there was little to tell of her sad yet brilliant story which had not already been told by Mrs. Ross in the preface to the 'Last Letters from Egypt,' published in 1875.

But it is to be hoped that this new memoir may serve to bring to the notice of a wider circle of readers those wonderful letters from Egypt and the Cape, as unique in their way as Lamb's or Mrs. Carlyle's—letters which, as they were received fresh from the writer's hand, her mother well described as "extraordinary, full of courage, love of humanity, and original ideas."

We are grateful to Mrs. Ross for her labour of love, and trust that she may be afforded an opportunity, by a demand for a second edition, to expand as much as possible the memoir of Mrs. John Taylor. This will not necessitate any increase in the bulk of the book, for room may be made by the omission of some letters to Mrs. Austin, the interest of which has evaporated. And if Mrs. Ross will at the same time correct the few misprints noticeable, add a few more notes and elucidations, and above all amend the index, which is deplorably bad, she will still further earn our gratitude.

German Socialism and Ferdinand Lassalle. By William Harbutt Dawson. (Sonnenschein & Co.)

In a review in these columns recently of Dr. Ingram's 'History of Political Economy' (Athenœum, No. 3175) it was noted as a defect that the Socialistic school, of which Lassalle, Marx, Engels, and Rodbertus are the most conspicuous teachers, was ignored, notwithstanding its great importance in the development and evolution of economic thought during the last half century. Dr. Ingram, for some unexplained reason, purposely overlooked these writers in his generally exhaustive summary of modern economists, the omission being the more remarkable inasmuch as it did not extend to others of their countrymen, often of less account, and contemporary with, or even writing subsequently to, them. The present work will go some way towards supplying this deficiency. Read as an undesigned supplement to the excellent treatise referred to it will fill a useful place, and it is, taken on its own merits, a readable and succinct account of the subject of which it treats.

The author makes Lassalle the central figure of his book, but leads up to the story of that famous adventurer's life and work, first by a brief historical résumé of the position of the social question in Germany about the time of Lassalle's appearance on the scene, and next by a series of short biographies of his more distinguished predecessors, Rodbertus, Marx, Marlo (Prof. Winkelbleck), and others. In conclusion he gives a brief account of the principal events in his career. The origin of what is now distinctively called German Socialism he assigns to three classes of causes—philosophical, political, and economical. Over the earliest of these the writings of Fichte and Hegel exercised, he thinks, great influence, and of the two latter the purely economical played a part quite secondary to that played by the political. Indeed,

"it will be safe to say that German Socialism owes its existence above all to the political movements which fell to the period between the Napoleonic conquest and the constitutional struggles of 1848 to 1850. From first to last the economic phase of the question has been

secondary to the political, for political demands have been constantly kept in the foreground. That this is the case will be clearly seen as we trace the progress of the Socialistic idea. It is customary to look upon the French Revolution of last century as the starting-point of modern developments in political and civil liberty..... But, at the time a new gospel was being preached in France, amid thunder, lightning, and tempest, Germany was not ready for the reception of doctrines intended to revolutionize society. Generations of absolute rule, strife within and without, absolute chaos in territorial arrangements, had taken much of the spirit out of her peoples,"

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"thus political principles which inspired the
ardent French mind with passion did not arouse
in the German mind the barest enthusiasm."

Another consideration to be borne in mind "in explaining the slight effect produced in Germany by the French convulsions of last century" is, he thinks, the social condition of the people:—

"The extremes of wealth and poverty were not then what the development of industry has since made them. Germany was behindhand as an industrial country. While England had been revolutionizing industry Germany had been revolutionizing philosophy. The capitalistic system, to use a favourite expression of the Socialists, did not properly exist."

From about 1848, however, the Socialist movement took definite shape, and presently developed abundant energy, the triumphs achieved by the popular party of that period, if short lived, proving for the first time "that the democracy was a power which could no longer be underrated and much less be overlooked."

From the first the leaders of the party gave much attention to the position occupied by labour. The system of great in-dustries and unlimited competition had been sufficiently long in operation elsewhere to have already exhibited many of its characteristic features, and regarding certain of these from the purely intellectual standpoint begotten of a previous philoso-phical training, and in the light of new poli-tical conditions, the Socialists had no hesitation in proclaiming them very bad. The actual worker, the manual labourer, was, they considered, inadequately remunerated when compared with his hirer. The latter contributed nothing (necessarily) to the completed product but the previous labour of other persons saved and embodied in the form of capital; the former supplied his vital energies, his very life's blood. The one might sit at home at ease and make a fortune by simply lending money which he himself had never earned; the other, who alone gave value and utility to these resources, could never-while he remained a labourer-obtain more than wages at the current rate for his utmost skill and energy. So far there was nothing particularly distinctive in these views; nothing very different from doctrines of a like kind which at any time during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries might have been preached, and, indeed, had been preached, in England or France. But the German Socialists advanced a step further. Availing themselves of the dictum of the orthodox economists that the value of any commodity is measured by its cost of production, and regarding labour solely as a commodity-the strictly orthodox view-they

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formulated the celebrated "Iron Law of Wages," of which Lassalle especially made such powerful use, and which played a great part in his agitation. Stated in his own words, as quoted by Mr. Dawson, the economic generalization referred to is the following: "The average wages of labour always remain reduced to the subsistence necessary, conformably with a nation's standard of life, to the prolongation of existence and to the propagation of the species"; that is to say, a labourer is not only bound to sell his labour for wages, there being no other means of subsistence open to him, but for wages which can never rise above what is sufficient for him to live upon and continue his kind. "What," asked Lassalle once of a meeting of working men,

"what is the result of this law, which is unanimously acknowledged by men of science? Perhaps you believe that you are men? But economically considered you are only commodities. You are increased by higher wages like stockings when there is a lack; and you are sgain got rid of; you are by means of lower wages—by what Malthus, the English economist, calls preventive and destructive checks—decreased, like vermin against which society wages war."

Meanwhile the working man, who, if he be a commodity only, is that singular phenomenon a reflective one, has the disagreeable consciousness that his fellow man (his inferior, perhaps, in every point of view but the economic) is prospering at his expense; or, if regarded as the owner of the commodity labour, is aware that, while the owners of other commodities can reserve them when the market is adverse, he must dispose of his for what he can obtain, or die.

The part taken by Lassalle was rather in the promulgation than the initiation of these doctrines. In the opinion of Mr. Dawson he was, though a brilliant exponent of them, yet "a mere adapter of the theories of others." Karl Marx even charges him with having borrowed "all the general theoretical propositions in his economic works" from his published writings (preface to 'Das Kapital,' vol. i., Hamburg, 1867); but he is far more like y to have drawn his principal inspiration from Rodbertus, with whom he was in constant correspondence, to whom he always acknowledged his indebtedness, and who in turn accused Marx of having plagiarized from him. In point of fact Lassalle picked up economic theories where he found them, and strove only to bring them home to the apprehension of others by the aid of his effective rhetoric. He was, as Mr. Dawson says, "emphatically a man of deeds," in which respect, too, he differed from several of the leaders of the same school at the present day-recluse students, or teachers at little-known universities. There was a decidedly histrionic element about Lassalle. Of very agreeable presence and pleasing manners, fond of ornament, and careful in dress, he was never more himself than when the eyes of a large audience were directed upon him and he believed he was showing to advantage. But he was far from contemptible in argument even in the absence of such accessories. man who could secure the intimate friendship and enthusiastic admiration of Heine, who deeply impressed by his conversa-tion the practical mind of Prince Bismarck, to the extent of even shaping the economical career of that statesman, was clearly no ordinary man. There was a personal charm about him, as all who came in contact with him felt; but there were more solid gifts as well—a powerful and logical mind, a capacity and aptitude for the acquisition and communication of knowledge, and a faculty of vivid and correct expression. The influence he exercised when at the height of his fame was exceedingly great; and though somewhat overshadowed by that which still profounder intellects (as that of Marx) have exercised since, it is improbable that his place as a popular leader as well as teacher will ever be exactly filled.

Of Lassalle's private life Mr. Dawson does not tell much that is new. The general outlines are well known, and have given occasion before now for some not very generous controversy. That he acted in an injudicious and eccentric manner on more than one important occasion that is known to the public, is indubitable; but when all the evidence as yet accessible about these events is summed up and the balance fairly struck, it does not appear that much more than this can be distinctly alleged against him. His death was a tragic and melancholy one, no doubtthe more tragic and more melancholy that his life had been, externally at least, noble; yet if he was not free from blame, he was free at least from dishonour. He had a presentiment, which he several times expressed, that he should never reach his fortieth year, and he died when a few months short of that age.

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The biographies of other leaders of German Socialism given elsewhere in the book are fairly adequate and to the point.

The History of the Rebellion and Civil Wars in England begun in the Year 1641. By Edward, Earl of Clarendon. Re-edited from a Fresh Collation of the Original MS. in the Bodleian Library by W. Dunn Macray. 6 vols. (Oxford, Clarendon Press.)

MR. MACRAY is not an ambitious man; his devotion resembles that of those unselfish Benedictines who laboured from youth to old age on editions of the Fathers and Doctors of the Church, or those Bollandist Jesuits, as they are called, who began to work some two hundred years ago at the 'Acta Sanctorum,' and are working away still somewhere in the early part of the month of November. We are not accustomed to such self-denial in these days of fret and fume, when everybody feels called upon to be flashy and self-important. Yet strange things do come to pass, and Mr. Macray has spent many years—how many we cannot just now call to mind—in doing his part towards rendering the stores of the Bodleian accessible. He has hardly ever ventured beyond that sacred enclosure. Once, indeed, he edited the Evesham Chronicle for the Master of the Rolls, and on another occasion he gave us a most useful account of the records of Magdalen, but this can hardly be called a break in his labours. The college records are so intimately connected with the stores in the great library of the University that it was little more than re-moving his bodily presence from one part of the University to another. He has not even

now broken away from Oxford, for the manuscripts of Clarendon's 'History' repose on the shelves of the Bodleian, together with the most important portions of the vast mass of material which the earl had gathered together for the purpose of illustrating the history of the stirring times in which he lived.

It was not until the beginning of the eighteenth century that Clarendon's 'History' was given to the press, and a hundred and eighty years ago the ideas as to what constituted a faithful editor were widely different from ours. We must not, therefore, be severe on the men who brought out the early editions. They saw no harm in improving Clarendon's somewhat lumbering diction. They went, indeed, a step further than this. Clarendon was plain-spoken—perhaps we might even go so far as to say that he was at times malignant not only in regard to the king's enemies, but also as to his friends who had not served him in the way Clarendon thought best. All his characters were dead, it is true, before his book was pub-lished; the sons and daughters of Cavaliers and Roundheads had wooed, married. and had had children, but these children were among the most powerful personages of the land—men who could give places and pensions at will. It would never do that their grandfathers' shortcomings should contain the land out in the held of the land. stand out in too bold relief, so it came to pass that the 'History' was bowdlerized so as to suit the taste of a generation which had little of the fervid faith of either the victors or the vanquished, but which had retained enough of the pride of race to be displeased with anything that tended to lower the dignity of their families. The book was read by every one, and edition after edition was put forth. War-burton annotated it, and although here and there a Dissenter or a Papist might protest, the book was regarded as the greatest historical treasure in the language, to be compared to Thucydides, Tacitus, or De Thou as taste dictated. It was not till 1826 that the suppressed passages were restored and the student had before him a text that was fairly trustworthy. But though Dr. Bandinel was in theory most conscientious, he was somewhat lax in carrying out his ideas of an editor's duty. Though Mr. Macray has made no great discoveries, he has the pleasure of knowing that he has given now for the first time a perfectly genuine Clarendon. The spelling has been modernized, that is all, and a few names familiar to every one, such as Strafford and Cromwell, put into their every-day modern dress. Otherwise names of persons and places have been given as the author wrote them. Some people may object to this as a piece of antiquarian pedantry, but it is certain that Mr. Macray has judged aright. It is most useful for philological purposes to know how Clarendon heard the names of men and places pronounced. There were in his time no peerages, "county families," or gazetteers worthy of the name, and we are, therefore, certain that he spelt by ear. A careful examination of the index will show that some of the modern forms are mere fancy changes, while others have at least the prescription of two centuries and a quarter. Besides giving his readers a cor88

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rect text Mr. Macray has furnished them with a table of corrected readings, showing the differences between this edition and that of 1849. It must have been a work of great labour, but it is most useful as an additional test of fidelity. Misprints will creep into every book, so no doubt there are some here; we have, however, failed to find any, and putting these unfortunate accidents aside we fully believe that we have now at length, after more than two hundred years of waiting, the genuine work that Clarendon left behind him. We have, indeed, somewhat more; we have an index occupying about a hundred and fifty pages, which seems to be quite up to the exacting requirements of modern days. It is, of course, impossible to tell how nearly such a compilation approaches the ideal standard without inflicting on ourselves as much labour as has been undergone by the compiler. We do not profess to have had this amount of self-sacrifice. We have, however, devoted some time to it, and have found but one error, and that of the most trivial kind. There are two entries under "Copley, Colonel." The first is all right; the second should have been "Copley, Commissary General." The first of them, the colonel who defeated Lord Digby at Sherborne, we believe to have been called Christopher; the other, whose imprisonment by the Parliament Clarendon records, was almost certainly Lionel.

Till the end of time there will always be differences with regard to the truthfulness of Clarendon's great work. We do not mean merely because it is the work of a partisan; that the reader will be prepared to allow for, as he does for the anti-ecclesiastical passion of Gibbon, or the fervent though restrained Roman Catholicism of Lingard. Nobody accuses either of deliberately misstating facts; the worst that their hardest critics would now say is that prejudice discoloured what they saw; but there are persons who believe that Clarendon was wilfully dishonest, and who accept in its fulness Carlyle's character of him as "a man of sufficient unveracity of heart, to whom, indeed, whatsoever has direct veracity of heart is more or less horrible." This is a terrible picture. One does not like to contemplate the character of any one who finds the truth horrible. Carlyle certainly believed what he said himself, but are we to accept it as a final verdict, and class the English "Tacitus" with those unhappy persons who have done their best to poison history at its source, libellers of the dead? or can we find some other means of explaining the shortcomings Carlyle saw? That Clarendon was a violent political partisan cannot be doubted—that he wrote not as the modern historian does, with an array of dates, pamphlets, memoirs, and pedigrees before him, but as the leader writer of a newspaper does. He enjoyed making points, and the production of those stately heavy periods which succeed one another with pompous regularity, as it has been said, like the arcades of a Norman abbey church, was delightful to him. He was as much a born rhetorician as Burke, though the rhetoric was of a different sort. Add to this that his memory was not careful as to details. It had, we believe, never been trained to accuracy, and if the general effect

which he required, and which he believed to be the truth, were produced, he was care-less of those minute facts which the modern student knows are often the very marrow of history. It is certain that on matters where there could be no purpose to serve, and when he had the autograph memoirs of the actors before him, he pictured things as they were not. Such is not the manner of the dealer in deliberate falsehood. He is aware of what he is doing, and therefore studiously careful to make the facts he does not desire to pervert tally with the evidence. Clarendon is never thus provident; his periods roll along, crushing the little details as they go, when he describes things that can in no way have touched his feelings, as surely as when his whole soul is moved by some dire catastrophe. The most savage thing we can bring ourselves to say of him is that he was certainly not a liar, but that he had a constitutional incapacity for telling the exact truth. The latter case is a parlous one, but the sufferer from it is not a moral criminal.

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The book that is the best corrective to Clarendon is, without doubt, Whitelocke's 'Memoirs'; it abounds in dates, wherein Clarendon is woefully deficient. No good edition of this grand compendium exists. The second folio is called the best, and of it the Oxford reprint in four octavos is a mere reproduction, even down to the wretched index. We believe the original manuscripts yet exist in more than one copy. Mr. Macray would benefit the whole of the English-speaking race if he would take as much trouble with the Puritan as he has with the Royalist. It is not fair that the one should enjoy all the advantages of modern scholarship while the other remains mutilated and in the fog with which abnormally stupid editors have surrounded him.

The Life and Opinions of Major-General Sir Charles Metcalfe Mac Gregor, K. C.B., C.S.I., C.I.E., Quartermaster - General in India. Edited by Lady MacGregor. 2 vols. (Blackwood & Sons.)

THE late Sir Charles MacGregor had seen much active service, had been repeatedly wounded, was a fighting soldier of distinction, and wrote two most valuable gazetteers, several pamphlets on military subjects, and a couple of books of travel of considerable merit; but he never held higher posts than those of Quartermaster-General in India, commander of a brigade in Afghanistan, and commandant of the Punjab Frontier Force. As a matter of fact, though well known in India, out of India his name was unfamiliar to people not particularly interested in the East. Probably four out of five of those who read this review will say to themselves, "Who was Sir Charles Mac-Gregor?" So large a biography as that before us was, therefore, uncalled for. The workmanship, too, is open to criticism. At the very outset Lady MacGregor is guilty of an inaccuracy. She describes Sir Charles MacGregor as "Quartermaster-General in India." When he died he was nothing of the sort. He had completed his five years' tenure of the Quartermaster-Generalship in the autumn of 1885, and he was then appointed to the command of the Punjab Fronwhen he came home to die in April, 1886. Nor was it wise to call this book 'The Life and Opinions' of Sir Charles MacGregor. On matters which he had specially studied with special advantages his opinions are of value. Consequently the conditions under which a Russian invasion of India would most probably be undertaken and could best be foiled constitute a subject on which Sir Charles MacGregor's ideas are entitled to respect. Of his views of Persia, Baluchistan, and Afghanistan the same may be said; but when we are treated to speculations concerning matters relating to European policy and alliances, we decline to give his opinions any special weight.

What we have most to complain of, however, and that in the interest of the reputation of Sir Charles MacGregor himself, is that Lady MacGregor has performed the editorial functions she has assumed without regard for the feelings of others, and also apparently without a suspicion that in dealing with letters omission becomes sometimes a sacred duty. In every profession, and especially in the army in India, competition is keen, and in India the services and qualifications of all candidates for promotion or appointments are tolerably well known and freely discussed. Hence it was not unnatural that a man like Sir Charles Mac-Gregor, an extremely ambitious soldier eager for advancement, should in his diary and private letters judge severely those who were his rivals, or whose services could directly or inferentially be contrasted with his own; and being exceedingly outspoken and animated by one thought - that of how best and quickest to obtain distinction-his remarks on individuals were occasionally harsh and contemptuous, though sometimes, perhaps, more or less well founded. Nor were his censures confined to his rivals. The acts and plans of his superiors he was apt to criticize with the utmost confidence, and he would occasionally imply that he was wiser or could have done better. In short, he had no little arrogance, but he can never have intended that these opinions should be published, and Lady MacGregor has done his memory much harm by letting them appear. This is a serious accusa-tion, and we will justify it by quotations.

When only a lad of seventeen, serving at the capture of Lucknow as a subaltern in the 1st Bengal Fusiliers, the deceased officer had the schoolboy audacity to write of "the war-worn Sir Colin Campbell," as Sir Charles Napier styled him, as follows:—

"You know the song 'Of what is the old man thinking?' I ask, Of what is old Sir Colin thinking? We may be said to have appeared before Lucknow on the 2d. Nothing has been done since that, not a battery raised, no attempt made to push on,—no. All that has been done is, the troops have been unnecessarily harassed for the last six days. I have hardly been in bed or under shade for that time; we are turned out every five minutes, have to sleep accoutred, and visit the sentries every hour or so. Well, I should not care about this if it was of any use, but it is not."

Again, a few weeks later he says, in a letter à propos of a rumour of Sir Colin Campbell's death:—

tenure of the Quartermaster-Generalship in the autumn of 1885, and he was then appointed to the command of the Punjab Frontier Force—a command which he vacated It is to him that most of the kudos for all that

has been done is due; but being a Company's officer, of course he did not get any."

Appointed a "doing duty officer" in Hodson's Horse, the commandant being Col. (afterwards Sir Henry) Daly, MacGregor in a letter to his family says: "I now do a good deal of writing for Daly, as the adjutant of the regiment is such an awfully lazy fellow." Who the adjutant was we do not know, but he if alive, or his friends if he is dead, must be gratified by this passage. A few months later the lad speaks of the commandant of a regiment of which he was acting second in command: "Meanwhile I have to do the whole work of the regiment, as [in the book the name is given, but we omit it] --- sleeps all day and lets me do as I like, so that I virtually command the corps." At the capture of Lucknow, Mac-Gregor served with the 1st Bengal Fusiliers, and no doubt some of those then in the regiment will be pleased to learn that he did not like his companions. Selected for the appointment of "doing duty officer" with Fane's Horse in the China campaign of 1860, he writes of his brother officers-the names are given—that one "is too fond of appearance to make anything of an Irre-gular"; that another "is dull"; that a third's "qualities are transcendent in the choice of patent leather boots, and his coats are beautiful"; of a fourth, that "he is a young cub at present; but having a deal of good in him, only wants whipping to make him bright." This severe critic was, be it remembered, at the time only nineteen years of age. This tendency to underrate his rivals and superiors alike continued to the end of his life, and Lady MacGregor has contrived to bring into full relief the worst features of his character—to put it plainly, jealousy and self-esteem. Yet MacGregor had fine qualities. He was a thorough soldier, and had the love of his warlike race for fighting. To his own family he was devotedly attached, and was ready to make any sacrifice for them. Several touching instances of his affection may be found in this book. Writing to his father of the death of his uncle by marriage, Col. Murray Mackenzie, of wounds received during the Mutiny, he savs :-

"By this sad occurrence aunt Emily must, I know, be left nearly destitute, and therefore I propose to devote every farthing I can spare to her. I shall be a lieutenant soon, if I am not one already. That will give me 100 rupees more a-month, and that, small as the sum is, I intend to give over to aunt Emily."

In 1866 the Agra Bank, of which his father was one of the Indian managers, broke, and MacGregor wrote to his father one of the most touching letters which we have lately read. The following is an extract from it:—

"I can hardly bring myself to think that you are ruined by it, yet I do not know how it can be otherwise.....I tremble to think of my darling mother and sisters if the worst is true. For any sake write, and tell me exactly how you stand. I shall be miserable till I know; but please remember that I am your son, that now it has pleased God to do this thing, I will prove that I am so. Remember, please, that I will place every farthing I have at your disposal—all is yours—you never stinted me when you had it, and God knows I will not be backward in giving all I have now.....And I will do anything you propose. I can spare 40% a-month,

perhaps more; and I will send this to be of what use it can, directly I have paid off the few debts I owe—or I will have one of my sisters out to live with me, sending you also any balance we can save. I will do anything you tell me, only please let me know in what way I can help you and I will do it, even to resigning my soldier's career. That would be to me the greatest sacrifice; yet I would not hesitate one instant, if I could add to the comfort of yourself and my darling mother and sisters."

Happy the parents of such a son! but Mac-Gregor was ever devoted to his family and never set any value on money. Again, he dearly loved fighting for fighting's sake, and his single combats were numerous and successful. Major Butler, who commanded at Lucknow the company in which MacGregor was a subaltern, thus speaks

of his appetite for danger :-

"We used to consider him of rather a sulky disposition. At mess he would sometimes sit all dinner time and not say half a dozen words; but the moment there was any chance of fighting, it was extraordinary to see the change in his face and manner..... He was the only man I ever met on service that I really believe loved fighting. He did not know what fear or danger were. My company was the centre one when we entered the Yellow House at Lucknow. Mac-Gregor rushed on ahead of the men, and though I shouted to him to keep back with the men, as the place was full of the enemy, he would not stop. A sepoy stepped out and fired his musket stop. A sepoy stepped out and nreu his musely right in his face: luckily it only blew his cap off, and blackened his face. MacGregor killed the sepoy, and turned round to me with a blackened face beaming with satisfaction. He did not seem to have the slightest idea of the awfully narrow escape he had had After we got into Lucknow, as he was going through the courtyard of a house, a powerful sepoy sprang out on him.

MacGregor fought him with his sword, and being a very good swordsman, and as cool as the proverbial cucumber, played with him for a few minutes, and then ran him through, and he was in the best of tempers for the rest of the day."

The book is full of similar instances of his cool courage. MacGregor volunteered for every campaign and arduous service, and was frequently wounded. One of his most brilliant exploits had its scene in China, where at the head of twenty-five of Fane's Horse he unhesitatingly charged 150 Tartar horsemen who were attacking a battery which he was escorting. Nor was his courage his only recommendation, for he was an indefatigable and capable staff officer in the field, while in quarters he laboured with assiduity and success at plans of defence and collecting information connected with the Central Asian Question. That he was appreciated, notwithstanding his own complaints and those of his widow, may be seen from the fact that he entered the service in October, 1856, and became Major-Generalin January, 1887, after thirtyone years' service, at the age of forty-six. Also, when in 1875 he had completed five years' tenure of office as Assistant Quartermaster-General, he was continued for a master-treneral, he was continued for a second five years in the same appointment. He was when he died K.C.B., C.S.I., and C.I.E. Such being the case, he had little to complain of, and Lady MacGregor is scarcely justified in asserting that he was badly treated, and implying that his honours and promotion should in fairness have equalled those bestowed upon Lord Wolseley. She hints that it was jealousy of Mac-Gregor's superior merit that kept him back. There is absolutely no proof that such was the case, and while fully recognizing his merits and services we cannot but think that they were fairly well rewarded.

Fragments of the Greek Comic Poets, with Renderings in English Verse. By F. A. Paley, LL.D. (Sonnenschein & Co.)

THE fragments of Greek comedy are little known to students whose aim is only education or classical honours, and it must be admitted that collections of fragments are not highly attractive. An elegant volume of selections, therefore, such as Dr. Paley has given us, may tempt many to make a pleasant and profitable excursion beyond the narrow limits of our time-honoured curriculum. The examples chosen represent a number of poets, but the bulk of the work is devoted to Antiphanes, Anaxandrides, Alexis, Philemon, and Menander. Without presuming to aver that the specimens "of the wise, the witty, the satirical, the sententious, the epigrammatic," are the best that could have been culled from Meineke's editio minor, we may safely say that they will be found sufficiently interesting. "In translating them," says Dr. Paley, "the employment of rhyme makes the exact rendering often impossible; but the general spirit is preserved, while the claims of English readers rather than of classical scholars have been consulted."

The merit of the renderings is various, nor do we anywhere detect the vigour and raciness of Hookham Frere or Rogers; but, apart from any standard of excellence, the lighter efforts of a hard-working veteran must have an interest of their own. Antiphanes's trenchant sketch of the parasite (Fr. 81) loses point when "Meek, patient at a snub, at jokes sagacious" (p. 25), has to serve for οὐ πάροξυς, οὐχὶ βάσκανος, ὀργὴν ἐνεγκεῖν ἀγαθός ἀν σκώπτης, γελᾶ Indeed, one is not "sagacious at jokes"—an uncouth phrase—who laughs when he is made the butt of banter. With regard to the cleverness of the Egyptians in worshipping the eel because it is so dear (τίμιος) Antiphanes, Fr. 146 (p. 28)—πολὺ τῶ, θεῶν γάρ ἐστι τιμιωτέρα. τῶν μὲν γὰρ εὐξαμένοισιν ἔσθ' ὑμῦν τυχεῦν—suffers seriously

in transmission into

no god they honour like this creature. By prayers we get from heaven all we ask; To get an *eel* as cheap would be a task!

We hasten to make amends for calling attention to some of Dr. Paley's least happy renderings by transcribing two extracts in which he is at his best:—

Antiphanes, Fr. 144.
Εἶτ' ἔστιν ἢ γένοιτ' ἄν ἡδίων τέχνη, ἢ πρόσοδος ἄλλη τοῦ κολακεύειν εὖφυῶς; ὁ ζωγράφος πονεῖ τι καὶ πικραίνεται, ὁ γεωργὸς ἐν ὅσοις ἐστὶ κινδύνοις πάλιν. πρόσεστι πᾶσιν ἐπιμέλεια καὶ πόνος, ἡμῦν δὲ μετὰ γέλωτος ὁ βίος καὶ τρυφῆς οῦ γὰρ τὸ μέγιστον ἔργον ἐστὶ παιδιά, ἀδρὸν γελάσαι, σκῶψαί τιν', ἐκπιείν πολύν, οὐχ ἡδύ; ἐμοὶ μὲν μετὰ τὸ πλουτεῖν δεύτερον.

No trade more pleasant is, no art,
Than ours who play the flatterer's part.
The painter overworked gets cross,
Your farmer learns his risk by loss;
While care and pains each workman takes,
"Laugh and get fat" our motto makes.
Fun, laughter, banter, drink, I hold
Are life's chief pleasures—next to gold.

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Alexis, Fr. 20.

Λέγεται γάρ λόγος ύπὸ τῶν σοφιστῶν, μὴ πέτεσθαι τὸν θεό τὸν Έρωτα, τοὺς δ' ἐρῶντας αἰτίαν δ' ἔχειν έκεινον άλλως, ήγνοηκότας δὲ τούς γραφείς έχοντα πτέρυγας αὐτὸν ζωγραφείν.

Your Sophists say, it is not Love almighty That roams on wings, but lovers that are flighty.
Love wrongly bears the blame; 'twas one who

Nought of his ways who first winged Cupids drew.

NOVELS OF THE WEEK.

That Unfortunate Marriage. By Frances Eleanor Trollope. 3 vols. (Bentley & Son.) A Crown of Shame. By Florence Marryat. 3 vols. (White & Co.)

This Wicked World. By Mrs. H. Lovett Cameron. 3 vols. (Same publishers.)
The Road from Ruin. By C. L. Pirkis.
2 vols. (Spencer Blackett.)

By J. H. Shorthouse. The Countess Eve. (Macmillan & Co.)

Claire. By the Author of 'Vida.' (Glasgow, MacLehose & Sons.)
The Sisters of Ombersleigh. By Rosa Mac-

kenzie Kettle. (Fisher Unwin.)

A Strange Manuscript found in a Copper Cylinder. (Chatto & Windus.)

MRS. TROLLOPE tells a story of a kind which in good hands is wont to be at least as successful as any other. The account of "that unfortunate marriage," or rather of its solitary offspring, who is the heroine of the story, deals with ordinary people and characters in a fresh and graceful way. Nothing could be more hackneyed than the basis of the plot; but there are some delightfully natural characters, and the current of interest is calm and pure throughout.

Miss Marryat's latest novel, 'A Crown of Shame,' has more of ideas and emotions than might be supposed from the ease with which it reads. The scene—a West Indian island—is naturally and brightly described. An element of unpleasantness, without which no book of Miss Marryat's would be complete, is managed rather cleverly, and is so interwoven with the rest as really to complete the author's picture—suggestive enough in its way-of society in the tropics, where moral tone there is none, nor any standard of conduct has ever been. Of such things as style and artistic presentation there is not much in Miss Marryat's books; but of natural freedom and ease of manner she has not a little. At least three types of character are tolerably well realized.
The "blacks," too, are touched with a light hand. The quiet heroic Lizzie is contrasted with the selfish, pleasure-loving, "island-born" Maraquita in a way that shows feeling and thought. Lizzie's is a much less provoking and useless sort of self-sacrifice than is usually the case with heroines; and for so much one is grateful.

Marriage without love and love without marriage—every one for himself or her-self—such is the staple of 'This Wicked World.' There seems to be a deadening selfishness in every chapter and line of the story, which opens with a malade imaginaire, once a professional beauty, who sacrifices her daughter to her own comfort. There are politics in the book, including a visit to and a flirtation in the Ladies' Gallery; but the greater part of it is full of the

noxious wickedness of predatory human beings which the author represents as characteristic of our day and generation. 'This Wicked World' gives one the idea that it has been written in a state of mental distraction between sympathy for the worldlings and a desire to moralize on their wickedness. The reader will be able to take his choice of these alternative attitudes, and may find that their conflict adds a certain piquancy to the narrative.

'The Road from Ruin' is a very straightforward and obvious melodrama, in which, given a prodigal son, a cold and calculating cousin, an impulsive, beautiful, and generous girl, an intriguing mother, a benevolent doctor, and a villainous groom, every one does exactly what may be expected of them according to the transpontine code. Consequently, 'The Road from Ruin' can be perused with rapidity. 'Lady Lovelace,' a former work from the same author, was distinguished for the ineptitude of the allusions to music. This characteristic is maintained in the present volumes, where the application of the term "roulade" to Wagner's compositions is worthy to be enshrined in the annals of musical solecism.

'The Countess Eve' is literary in quality, brilliant in tone, and not very human in It sets forth moral problems, and these, albeit heightened and garnished with a psychical manifestation or two, are on the whole of a "subtle" sort, though the evanescent abbé-the "dream materialized" haunting the actor and the countess-is the reverse of impressive. Of course there is a delicate, attenuated atmosphere, which is a combination of Mr. Shorthouse and the eighteenth century, and of course the spirit and talk of the epoch are reproduced with cleverness and the "false air" of distinction we know. It is all very fine and polished, and as regards locale is fair enough to see. Yet with all this, and though they may not allow it, many a reader will remain outside and a'cold.

He who loves a simple Scotch story, full of the dialect and the simplicity of northern latitudes, will find his tastes fairly accommodated in 'Claire.' There are some clever touches of character, both humorous and pathetic, with a due admixture of love-making. Part of the love-making is between a woman and a raw lad, who differ not so much in age as in force and development of mind, which makes the incongruity almost painfully apparent. But the story is harmless enough, and occasionally interesting.

Miss Kettle's graceful story reminds us of Miss Austen. It is a placid little bit of gentle life, in which, however, the characters are distinct enough and tell their own tale. Agnes, the shy, undemonstrative wife of a brilliant husband, who has married in haste to repent at leisure, is an excellent study, while her far more attractive sister Isabella is in her way as pathetic a figure. The style is classical, with an oldfashioned ring about it. Altogether, slight in texture as it is, the little story has more individuality than most modern novels.

An ingenious device has relieved the author of 'A Strange Manuscript found in a Copper Cylinder' from the necessity of making his story bear any resemblance to what might be reality. The cylinder is

picked up by a yacht, and the manuscript is supposed to have been written a long time ago. Nobody is responsible for its contents, and the author is able to give the comments of the yachtsmen upon it, and to display a considerable amount of varied information. It would have been a graceful act on the part of the author if he had acknowledged his debt to Mr. Samuel Butler's 'Erewhon'; but authors of thrilling romances of impossible adventure do not brook charges of plagiarism, and humble critics must content themselves with wondering at the strange law which has led the human intellect in the year 1888 to light upon the same ideas of topsy-turvydom which occurred to Mr. Butler in 1872. people who inhabit the shores of the summer seas around the South Pole invert our ideas upon life and death and upon wealth and poverty; their aim in life, so to speak, is to be killed, and the wealthy class among them is the class of paupers. The wit and satire with which Mr. Butler worked out his ideas of the race who treated crime as a disease and disease as a crime are wanting in the author of 'A Strange Manuscript, &c., who has also to learn that a string of impossible adventures does not make a work of imagination.

CHRISTMAS BOOKS.

The Flight to France. By Jules Verne. (Sampson Low & Co.)

Meg's Friend. By Alice Corkran. (Blackie & Son.)

Miss Hope's Niece. By Cecilia Selby Lowndes. (Seeley & Co.)

The Vicar of Redcross. By Sarah Doudney. (Houlston & Sons.) Commodore Junk. By G. Manville Fenn. (Cas-

sell & Co.) The Captain-General. By W. J. Gordon. (Warne & Co.)

Giannetta. By Rosa Mulholland. (Blackie & Son.)
A Week in Arcadia. By Eleanor Holmes. (Grif-

fith, Farran & Co.)
Captain Christie's Granddaughter. By Ruth
Lamb. (Wells Gardner, Darton & Co.)
Evin Lloyd. By Ellinor J. Kelly. (Same pub-By Ruth

lishers.)

The Billow and the Rock. By Harriet Martineau.

(Routledge & Sons.)

Hero. By the Author of 'John Halifax.' A Hero. (Same publishers.)

Put to the Test. By Mrs. Adams-Acton. (Same publishers.)
The Fisherman's Daughter. By Florence Mont-

gomery. (Hatchards.)

'THE FLIGHT TO FRANCE' is not one of Jules Verne's tales of wonder; it is simply the memoirs of a French dragoon in the days of Dumouriez, full of adventure certainly, but merely the ordinary adventures which befall one flying from an enemy's land. The only marvel in the book is the extraordinary bit of chronology which is contained on pp. 1 and 2.-Miss Alice Corkran always writes in an attractive style, but excepting the style there is not much to attach us to 'Meg's Friend.' Meg is the little waif whom we all know, who after a wretched childhood is lifted up into her rightful place, which is to be the grandchild of a haughty and aristocratic old grandsire. Meg's friend is a fascinating jour-nalist whom she has known in her bohemian days, and whom, needless to say, she eventually marries. Miss Corkran's descriptions of an English school are distinctly inferior to the charming French sketches which she gave us a year or so ago.—'Miss Hope's Niece' is a very pleasant little tale for girls. The canvas is crowded

with girl figures, but the most striking figure of all is the stern old Aunt Alicia.—'The Vicar of Redcross' is a rambling and ridiculous atory of lovers at cross purposes decked out with perhaps

the least attractive pictures we have ever seen.

Mr. Manville Fenn can write a book of adventure with any man. Commodore Junk, his latest hero, is as fine a buccaneer as one could hope to meet with, and like Jack Tier, that hero of a bygone generation of boys, he is a woman for a' that.—Another tale of the sea, which has historical truth to recommend it, though even that will not atone for its intolerable dulness, is 'The Captain-General,' a new version of the story of the attempt of the Dutch to colonize New Holland. Mr. Gordon, in describing his work as "a pirate story, bloodstained as all such stories are, and ending in cruelty and death," appeals to his readers to acquit him of giving undue prominence to the horrible. willingly admit his plea; we have no quarrel with him on this score; every sensible reader of a pirate story expects horrors, especially when the book is bound in red; it is the dreary dulness and confused ramifications of the story which are too much for us. Doubtless, however, the writer is hampered by a praiseworthy desire to adhere to the facts of the 'Ongeluckige Voyagie.

Miss Mulholland's Giannetta has a chequered career. Now she is a pauper, then an heiress, anon the wheel of fortune dashes her down again, yet there is happiness in store for her. As her name would imply, Giannetta is Italian by birth; but we follow her fortunes chiefly in Ireland, which Miss Mulholland knows well and paints only too vividly. She makes a great effort to give an air of reality to the eviction scene. Altogether the chief merit of the book lies in its sketches of Irish life, not in the development of the somewhat hackneyed plot of the missing heiress and her counterfeit presentment.

Week in Arcadia' is not a book to be commended. It is a somewhat tedious chro-nicle of feeble firtations in an Anglo-French colony.—'Captain Christie's Granddaughter' is a complete contrast to 'A Week in Arcadia.' a complete contrast to 'A week in Arcadia.

It is a plain, homely tale of seafaring folk, not rich in incident, but pleasant in style and wholesome in tone.—Another every day tale is 'Ewin Lloyd; or, How We All Got On,' not very attractive as a story, but excellent in moral.

Messrs. Routledge & Sons give us a reprint of Miss Martineau's 'The Billow and the Rock,' that weird and comfortless tale of the Western isles.-It is a great pleasure in these days to come across a story from the pen of Miss Mulock. "A hero" is a bonnie Scotch laddie, whose deeds are told with that sympathetic insight which was a characteristic of the author of 'John Halifax.

From these writers unfortunately deceased e turn to a modern pen and bewail our ill luck. 'Put to the Test' is an objectionable story of a family of scaramouches cursed with an indolent and neglectful mother.—Miss Florence Montgomery generally writes about children misunderstood by their parents; 'The Fisherman's Daughter' is all on another tack. Here worthy old parents are misunderstood, trifled with, and neglected by a careless daughter. The theme in itself is pathetic and touching, but the treatment is distinctly inferior to Miss Montgomery's earlier books.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

Mr. Ingram has taken much pains with his life of Elizabeth Barrett Browning (Allen & Co.), turning to contemporary newspapers and seeking for information in every source available to him; and we also freely acknowledge that an "Eminent Women Series" would have been obviously and painfully incomplete without some such volume as the present. Yet we wish he had not published this book, seeing that this undertaking

was discountenanced by Mr. Browning and Mrs. Browning's brothers. The fact that a lady has Browning's brothers. The fact that a lady has written verse that will live as long as almost any written in her day does not give the public a right to know her private history. Mrs. Browning has in her poems given glimpses of her life, as in the well-known verses where she

Of those long mornings
Which my thought goes far to seek,
When, betwixt the folio's turnings,
Solemn flowed the rhythmic Greek.

With these self-revelations her admirers ought to be satisfied, and be contented to respect Mrs. Browning's wish that no biography of her should

WHETHER it is consistent with the philosophy of Prof. Teufelsdröckh to put Sartor Resartus into so comely a dress as it wears in the rew volume of the "Parchment Library" of Messrs. Kegan Paul & Co. may be doubted, but lovers of pretty books will welcome it.—Other new editions on our table are a tasteful reprint of Yeast and of Dynevor Terrace and The Chain, from Messrs. Macmillan; and a shilling edition of Aytoun's Lays of the Scottish Cavaliers (Blackwood).—Messrs. Putnam's Sons have published a reprint of some of the Stories from the Italian Poets of Leigh Hunt, and Messrs. Routledge a reprint of Marmion in their "Pocket

Campbell's Tablet Diary on the "turnover system" is a useful contrivance.

WE have on our table Occasional Addresses on Educational Subjects, by S. S. Laurie (Cambridge, University Press),—Books and Men, by Agnes Repplier (Boston, U.S., Houghton),—The New Explanatory Readers, Standard I. (Moffatt & Paige),—Calendar of the Huddersfield Technical School for 1888-9 (Huddersfield, Broadbent),-Modern Methuselahs, by J. B. Bailey (Chapman & Hall),—Science and Geology in Relation to the Universal Deluge, by W. B. Galloway (Low),— Universal Deluge, by W. B. Galloway (Low),—Chats at St. Ampelio, by J. A. Goodchild (Kegan Paul),—Harper's Young People, Vol. IV. (Low),—Brave Deeds, collected and illustrated by Lieut. Col. J. Marshman (Griffith & Farran),—A Medley of Pictures, Scraps, and Rhymes (Dean & Son),—Rob Nixon, by the late W. H. G. Kingston (S.P.C.K.),—Heroes of Every Day Life, by Laura M. Lane (Cassell).—Joan's Adventures at Laura M. Lane (Cassell), - Joan's Adventures at the North Pole and Elsewhere, by A. Corkran (Blackie),—Vashti Savage, by S. Tytler (Partridge),—Snap-dragons and Old Father Christmas, by J. H. Ewing (S.P.C.K.),—The Circus (Dean & Son), -More Precious than Gold, by J. Chappell (Partridge), - Whiter than Snow (S. P. C. K.), -Linda and the Boys, by Cecilia S. Lowndes (Blackie),—"A Song o' Sixpence" for "the Bairns," by J. Jackson Wray (Nisbet),—Self-Exiled, by J. A. Steuart (Blackie),—and Rural Rambles, with Illustrations by A. Woodruff and S. B. Carliff (Allen & Co.).

LIST OF NEW BOOKS.

ENGLISH. Theology.

Free's (R. W.) Lux Benigna, being the History of Orange Street Chapel, 8vo. 7/6 cl. Holling's (Rev. G. S.) One born of the Spirit, cr. 8vo. 3/6 cl. Holle's (C. H.) The Classical Element in the New Testa-ment considered as a Proof of its Genuineness, 10/6 cl. Horder's (W. G.) The Poet's Bible, Old Testament Section,

osdam Hodiernos, reddidit M. B. Hutchinson, 5/ McCosh's (J.) Gospel Sermons, cr. 8vo. 6/cl.
Mant's (Rev. N.) Memorial of the First Quarter Century of
St. Martin's-on-the-Hull, Scarborough, cr. 8vo. 2/6 cl.
Men of the Bible: Daniel, his Life and Times, by H. Deane,

or, 8vo. 2/6 cl.
Murray's (A.) The Spirit of Christ, cr. 8vo. 2/6 cl.
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THE 'KALEVALA.'

Glasgow, Dec. 12, 1888.

It is difficult to say whether the study of such poems as the Finnish 'Kalevala' is more instructive by helping us to discover the differences in the genesis of national epics, or in disclosing the common features in their origin, their propagation and final collection. All studies which are now called comparative might, with equal justice, be called discriminative, if only they are carried on in the spirit which Grimm inculcated so strongly in the study of comparative philo-logy and mythology: "Let us distinguish as well as compare," At first students of the 'Kalevala' were naturally attracted by the coincidences between that poem and the other great epics of the world, such as the 'Mahâ-bhârata,' the 'Shâh-nâmeh,' the 'Nibelungen,' and the Iliad and Odyssey. But, as early as 1861, in my 'Lectures on the Science of Language' (i. 263), I had to utter a warning against promiscuous comparisons of ancient national epics, and more particularly of Homeric singers such heroes and poets as Wainamoinen. Since that time the more critical and special researches into the history of the Finnic sagas have brought

out more and more clearly the points of similarity as well as of dissimilarity between the epic poetry of Finland and Greece, and nothing has so much attracted the attention of scholars as the collection of various readings and various renderings of whole episodes which has been carried on in Finland by the worthy successors of Lönnrot. Readers of the Athenæum, to whom I had to announce some time ago the sad death of Dr. Julius Krohn, will be pleased to learn that his labours are being carried on by his son, Kaarle Krohn, already known by his collection of 'Märchen.' In the mean time the first volume of various readings of the 'Kalevala,' as left behind by Julius Krohn, has been published. It contains mostly the shorter fragments only, but more considerable fragments in their various renderings are being prepared for publication by Borenius. Some of the materials now published date from the last century. Most of them, however, were collected by agents of the Finno-Ugric Society after Lönnrot's edition had appeared, and they come mostly from the eastern parts of Finland, from Olonetz, Ingermanland, and even Estland.

I am informed that Krohn's 'History of Finnish Literature' is to be translated into German, which will be a real benefit to students who, like myself, are unable to read the original.

F. MAX MÜLLER.

CARLYLE AS AN HISTORIAN.

PEOPLE in glass houses, &c. Mr. Thomas Delta commits as great a "sacrilege" as that which he imputes to Carlyle. He might at any Delta commits as great a rate have quoted Carlyle's version of the epigram correctly. It runs thus in the 'French Revolucorrectly. tion ':-

Savez-vous pourquoi Jérémie Se lamentait toute sa vie ? C'est qu'il préveyait Que Pompignan le traduirait.

G. GROVE.

THE GENEVAN BIBLE.

Liverpool, Dec. 10, 1883.

May I draw attention to the fact that Fr. Junius's annotations on the Revelation were not only published in the versions of that Bible printed abroad, but also in the roman-type latest editions printed by Robert Barker at home? I can speak with certainty of the quarto edition dated 1610 on title-page and 1611 in colophon, and the 1615 one. These annotations were not printed as an addition at the end of the Bible, but were substituted for the original notes on the Revelation, which I find in an edition of 1587. My remarks, of course, refer to the editions that have Tomson's version of the New Testament.

It seems probable that the Bishops' Bible was more generally used in churches, and the Genevan in private houses and conventicles. In reference to this it would be well to consult Lewis's 'History of the English Translations of the Bible' (1739).

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SALE.

THE following books realized high prices at Mesars. Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge's rooms Paris, 1764-68, 25l.; Les Baisers, 1770, large paper, 24l. 10s. George Eliot, Agatha, 1869, 10l. 5s. Ariosto, Orlando Furioso, 4 vols., Baskerville's edition on large paper, 1773, 27l. Biblia Latina, MS. on vellum, thirteenth century, 35l. Bossoli, Scenery of the Highlands of Scotland, twenty-one drawings in tempera, 52l. Lamb, Elia, presentation copy from the author, with inscription, to R. Southey, 151. 5s. Prevost, Histoire du Chevalier des Grieux, 1753, 201. Ovide, Les Metamorphoses, 4 vols., 1767-71, 25l, 10s. Raffaele, Loggie del Vaticano, 1771-6 (imperfect), 30l. Voltaire, Romans et Contes, 3 vols., 1778, 15l.; La Henriade, 2 vols, 1770, plates in two states, 13l. Planta, Guide-Book

to Paris, 1827, Thackeray's copy, containing his autograph and several pencil sketches, 23l. 10s.

PROF. PALEY.

We greatly regret to hear of the sudden death of Prof. Paley, at the age of seventy-two. He was the grandson of the famous Archdeacon, and was the grantes of the famous Archdeacon, and it is said that when as an undergraduate he was examined at his "Little Go" on 'The Evidences of Christianity,' he headed his paper 'Tales of my Grandfather.' He was educated at Shrewsbury School under the famous Dr. Butler, and subsequently entered St. John's College. As he failed to obtain mathematical honours, he was shut out, in accordance with the regulations then in force, from the Classical Tripos, and so exclusively did mathematics predominate at St. John's that he did not obtain a fellowship. He remained, however, in residence after his degree, and was one of the founders of the Camden Ecclesiological Society, the form in which, with the impatience of abstract ideas characteristic of the University, the few sympathizers in Cambridge with the Tractarian movement found vent for their energies. Paley became an eager archeologist, and acquired a really considerable knowledge of architecture. He published in 1844 'Church Restorers: a Tala,' the 'Ecclesiologist's Guide to Churches at Cambridge,' and 'Illustrations of Baptismal Fonts'; while in 1846 he issued A Manual of Gothic Architecture, and in 1847' A Manual of Gothic Mouldings.' Unluckily one of his pupils was not content with such practical work as restoring the Round Church, but succumbed to the speculative difficulties attending the via media, and joined the Romish Church. This led to differences between Paley and the college authorities, who were mainly strong Evangelicals. Paley quitted the University, and himself joined the communion of Rome. Meanwhile his reputation as a scholar had been firmly established by his edition of Eschylus with short Latin notes, of which the first instalment, the 'Supplices,' if we mis-take not, appeared in 1844, and the remaining plays at short intervals; and though reviewed in rather condescending, if not contemptuous fashion by the veteran Godfrey Hermann, it obtained general approval. When the "Bibliotheca Classica" was started early in the fifties, Paley re-edited Æschylus with English notes in that series; and though he showed perhaps an excessive deference for the authority of Hermann, whose posthumous edition had recently appeared the sound sense, clearness of statement, and mastery of the language of Greek tragedy which his annotations displayed, obtained for his book permanent popularity, and it has passed through several editions. An edition of Propertius, which he edited for John W. Parker, of the Strand, was not so successful. An edition of Euripides for the 'Bibliotheca Classica" was his next undertaking; and for the same series he also edited Hesiod and The Iliad,' and completed the 'Sophocles' begun by Mr. Blaydes. About 1861 Paley, who had been living at Peterborough (he published a flora of the neighbourhood, for he was an ardent botanist), re-turned to Cambridge, and though he had not the knack of preparing for competitive examinations that mengreatly his inferiors in ability have often shown, he obtained a considerable number of pupils. In 1874 he became Professor of Classical Literature at the Catholic University College at Kensington, an institution which obtained the services of several able men, but from lack of funds was not able to obtain a permanent footing. On quitting Kensington Prof. Paley retired to Bournemouth. His activity was untiring, and it would exceed our limits to give a bare list of his contributions to classical literature, his translations of Æschylus and Pindar, and his numerous school-books, of which the edition of Select Private Orations of Demosthenes' which he had Dr. Sandys for a fellow editor) was the most important. We must not, however, omit to mention his clever edition of

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Theocritus with brief Latin notes. His latest work, his translation of the fragments of the Greek comic poets, is reviewed in our columns to-day. To this journal he contributed one or two articles, notably a review of Wecklein's

'Æschylus.'

Dr. Paley was an admirable scholar; we know no one who has written so much, and yet kept all his work at such a high level of excellence. His strength lay in exegesis; he was a lucid and careful interpreter of the author's meaning. He was, too, a good textual critic, full of sagacity and at the same time caution, while he had an appreciation of literature which raised him above the narrow views of Scholefield and the latest representatives of Porson's school. At the same time his lack of acquaintance with German unfortunately prevented him from keeping himself fully informed of the progress in philological studies achieved by German scholars; and on the side of philology he was by no means abreast of the learning of the day. In his later years he formed a theory that Homer as we have it was put together at a late date, and the non-acceptance of this idea by English scholars was a cause of much mortification to him. He was a man of wide reading, many accomplishments, sincere, honourable, and unselfish, somewhat impulsive, but essentially generous, and he was deeply respected by all who knew him.

Titerary Gossip.

Early in the new year Messrs. Longman will publish a collection of Lord Randolph Churchill's speeches, selected and edited by Mr. Louis Jennings, M.P., who will write an introduction, bringing out the chief facts in connexion with Lord Randolph's political career, and dealing with some of his public acts which have hitherto been much misrepresented and abused. With this introduction Mr. Jennings will, by Lord Randolph's permission, publish some correspondence of considerable interest. To each speech will be prefixed a short note explanatory of the circumstances under which it was delivered. The text of the speeches will be corrected by Lord Randolph. The volume will, it is hoped, afford the best and fairest means of enabling any one to form an impartial judgment concerning the true character of the orator's work in public life.

WE are likely to have in the early part of next autumn a work of considerable interest in the letters of the Princess Lieven to Earl Grey and Earl Grey's replies. The correspondence commences about the time of Canning's death, and besides three or four years of the reign of George IV. covers the whole of the reign of William IV. The present Earl Grey has kindly consented to the publication. Independently of the social interest which attaches to the correspondence, the letters deal with political matters of high consequence here and abroad, with the Greek war of independence, the Russian campaign against Turkey in 1829, the creation of the Belgian monarchy, the whole period of Earl Grey's administration, the agitating period of the Reform Bill, &c. The letters of the Princess Lieven are translated from the original French by Mr. Guy Le Strange. The editing has been confided by the Duke of Sutherland (to whom belong the Princess Lieven's letters) to Mr. Le Strange, and the book will be published by Mr. Bentley.

Messrs. Macmillan & Co. will issue immediately a new book by Mrs. Oliphant, entitled The Land of Darkness, along with

some Further Chapters in the Experiences of the Little Pilgrim.'

The January number of Macmillan's Magazine will contain an article by Mr. Goldwin Smith on 'Shakspeare's Religion and Politics.' There will also be a paper by Mr. Andrew Lang, bearing the animated title of 'The Bloody Doctor,' which is understood, however, to bear no reference to a recent medical controversy.

WE are asked to state that the French translation of Mr. Rodd's biographical sketch of the Emperor Frederick was not submitted to the author before publication, and that he, therefore, declines any responsibility for the statement which appears on the title-page: "Publiée sous la direction.... de S.M. l'Impératrice Frédéric."

Mr. George Routledge, who retired from the firm of Messrs. Routledge & Sons only last year, is now, we are sorry to say, lying dangerously ill at his house in Russell Square.

Mr. A. W. Hutton, librarian of the Gladstone Library at the National Liberal Club, is going to issue a reprint of Arthur Young's 'Travels in France in the Years 1787, 1788, and 1789.' This edition will contain all the narrative, and the tracts which Arthur Young produced subsequently on the progress of the Revolution will be included, while the agricultural and other statistics, which are now no longer of general interest, will be omitted. Prof. Thorold Rogers will contribute a preface.

The January number of the English Illustrated Magazine will contain an article by Mr. Archibald Forbeson 'The Old Sergeant'; an illustrated article on London models, by Mr. Oscar Wilde; an account of Berkeley Castle, by Miss Balch, in the series of 'Glimpses of English Homes'; and an illustrated article on Gwalior, by the Hon. Lewis Wingfield. The January number of the Antiquary will contain a paper by Mr. Theodore Bent on 'The Sun Myths of Modern Hellas,' and one by Mr. Edward Peacock on Kirton-in-Lindsey.

'A HISTORY OF ENGLISH BOOKSELLING,' by Mr. Wm. Roberts, will be published by Messrs. Sampson Low & Co.

Dr. John Mackintosh, author of 'The History of Civilization in Scotland,' has engaged to write the volume on Scotland for Mr. Fisher Unwin's series entitled "The Story of the Nations."

Messrs. Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, of Edinburgh, whose business has developed a good deal of late years, intend to open a London branch at the Old Bailey. Mr. J. F. Spriggs will be their London representative.

An effort is being made to raise a special pension for the relief of aged and infirm correctors of the press and their widows. For this the sum of five hundred guineas is required, and the pension is to be vested in the Council of the Printers' Pension, Almshouse, and Orphan Asylum Corporation, on similar terms to those granted by the Corporation to the pensions originated by the machine overseers, case overseers, and compositors of the metropolis.

Mr. B. F. Stevens, of Trafalgar Square, has been for some years at work on indexes to the manuscripts relating to American

affairs between 1763 and 1783 preserved in European archives. The United States Government urged the purchase of these indexes, and also the obtaining of transcripts of the documents themselves. Congress has, however, made no grant for the purpose, and despairing of obtaining State aid, Mr. Stevens boldly proposes to publish photographic facsimiles of the documents, provided he can obtain a hundred subscribers to begin with. Each document will be accompanied by a statement of its provenance and of any variations to be found in other copies, if such exist; and a translation will be added when the original is not in English. Mr. Stevens calculates that when he has once fairly started he will be able to publish monthly two volumes of some 500 pages each, and he asks 100 dollars for every five volumes. A copious index will be published to every twenty-four volumes, and the price of it will be 20 dollars. Mr. Stevens thinks that this valuable series of facsimiles will ultimately fill 100 volumes.

The ninth volume of 'Collections for a History of Staffordshire,' issued by the William Salt Archæological Society, now in the press, consists of extracts from the Plea and Fine Rolls of Edward II., taken from the public records by General Hon. G. Wrottesley, honorary secretary, and of an account of the Barons of Dudley by Mr. H. S. Grazebrook. The Duke of Sutherland has given permission to the Salt Society to make abstracts from the Lilleshall chartulary, preserved at Trentham.

Mrs. Pfeiffer's new volume of poems will shortly appear, published by Messrs. Trübner, under the name 'The Witch's Last Ride, and other Poems.'

The dinner given at Cambridge to celebrate the completion of the ninth edition of the 'Encyclopædia Britannica' was well attended, and was in every way a success. Mr. Black made an excellent speech, and the contributors were properly horrified when they heard how much trouble their corrections had caused, and properly pleased when they were told of a sale of 50,000 copies. Dr. M. Foster's jokes came off as well as usual; but by his grace of form and excellence of matter M. Yriarte showed us how much better French after-dinner oratory is than our own.

THE fourteenth and concluding volume of the 'Encyclopædic Dictionary' will be ready for publication in a few days. A sensible preface gives an account of the principles upon which this important work has been compiled.

Messes. Reeves & Turner will bring out, shortly after Christmas, a 'Life of James Thomson' (author of 'The City of Dreadful Night,' &c.), in one volume, by Mr. H. S. Salt. The book, which is partly biographical, partly a study of Thomson's works, will include a good many letters, and one or two hitherto unpublished poems.

As an instance of hereditary talent, it may be worth mentioning that a son of Mr. Rye, the well-known antiquary, has carried of the Brackenbury History Scholarship at Balliol, although he was the youngest of thirty candidates.

MR. CLEGG, of Oldham, has in the press a new volume of 'Original Poems and , '88 ed in

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Songs,' by Mr. Edwin Waugh. It will be as nearly as possible uniform with the previous series of ten volumes. It will contain an original sketch by the late Randolph Caldecott, and illustrations by other artists. THE Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire, the headquarters of which are at Liverpool, is now making great progress under the superintendence of Mr. R. D. Radcliffe, the honorary secretary. Two rolumes have been issued this year, and a third is promised next month, at which rate of progress the long arrears of volumes will som be wiped out. The meetings are well attended, and over fifty new members have joined the society this year. We are glad to see so much new life in this old society, which is now in its forty-second year.

THE Disestablishment Council for Scotland is going to start a monthly organ in January, called The Disestablishment Banner.

THE monument to the late Metropolitan Bishop of Denmark, Dr. Martensen, was unveiled in Copenhagen on Sunday, the 2nd inst., by his successor, Dr. Fog. Several Englishmen of letters have contributed to his memorial of the greatest of recent Scandinavian divines. The monument, a colossal bronze bust, is the work of the Danish sculptor Stein, and stands on a pedestal in the square opposite the doors of the Cathedral of Our Lady.

THE Clarendon Press is going to issue 'The Dynasty of Theodosius; or, Eighty Years' Struggle with the Barbarians,' by Mr. Thomas Hodgkin. The author has endeavoured to present in brief compass the events which occupy the earlier portion of his 'Italy and her Invaders.' The history of the barbarian invasion is traced from the Cothic revolt in Ap. 377 to the Vendel the Gothic revolt in A.D. 377 to the Vandal buccaneers' raid in 455; and, in order to give unity to the narrative, the history of Theodosius and his family is chosen as the connecting thread of the events described in it. The author has also given a slight sketch of the political and social condition of the Romans and the barbarians at the commencement of the contest. The book is accompanied by two maps.

THE University Delegates propose to arrange a second meeting of University Extension students at Oxford in August next. The meeting will be divided into two parts. The arrangements for the first part, which will last ten days, will be similar to those which were successful in 1888; the second part will consist of a supplementary period of three weeks' quiet study. This second part, however, will not be held unless at least sixty students express a desire to attend

THE Hutten-Sickingen monument, the erection of which near Creuznach we mentioned some time ago, will be unveiled next Whitsuntide.

The chief Parliamentary Papers of the week are Statistical Abstract, Colonial Possessions, 1873-87, twenty-fifth number (1s.); Trade and Navigation, Accounts for November (8d.); Cyprus, Report on Locust Campaign for 1887-88, Map (5d.); East India, Expedition against Black Mountain Tribes, Papers, Map (2s. 11d.); Educational Endowments Commission, Ireland, Report for 1887–88, Third Annual (7s.); and Con-

sular Reports—Norway, Trade of Christiania for 1887 (5d.); Brazil, Trade of Maranham for 1886-88 (1d.); Bulgaria, Trade for 1887 (1d.).

SCIENCE

On the Senses, Instincts, and Intelligence of Animals, with Special Reference to Insects. By Sir John Lubbock, Bart. (Kegan Paul, Trench & Co.)

As is well known, Sir John Lubbock has been for many years engaged in observing, and experimenting on, the habits and senses of various insects. In the course of these investigations he has found it necessary to make himself acquainted with the structure of the sense organs of these animals. The book before us contains an account of what Sir John has learnt and what he has observed. What has been the dominant idea in his original work may be gathered from the following :-

"We find in animals complex organs of sense, richly supplied with nerves, but the function of which we are as yet powerless to explain. There may be fifty other senses as different from ours as sound is from sight; and even within the boundaries of our own senses there may be endless sounds which we cannot hear, and colours, as different as red from green, of which we have no conception. These and a thousand other questions remain for solution. The familiar world which surrounds us may be a totally different place to other animals. To them it may be full of music which we cannot hear, of colours which we cannot see, of sensations which we cannot conceive. To place stuffed birds and beasts in glass cases, to arrange insects in cabinets, and dried plants in drawers, is merely the drudgery and preliminary of study; to watch their habits, to understand their relations to one another, to study their instincts and intelligence, to ascertain their adaptations and their relations to the forces of nature, to realize what the world appears to them; these constitute, as it seems to me at least, the true interest of natural history, and may even give us the clue to senses and perceptions of which at present we have no conception." hear, of colours which we cannot see, of sensations at present we have no conception.

It is in the spirit of Sir John Lubbock that a study must be made of the senses and intelligence of other animals; what may be called the anthropomorphic view is certain to be misleading, and has been the cause of much trivial and even ridiculous exposition. We may, for example, as has been well said by Prof. Ferrier, be sure that if two dogs could talk to one another of an evening they would not say, "What have you seen to-day?" but "What have you smelt to-day?" Sir John's experiments with Daphniæ afford weighty evidence in favour of his proposition that these Crustacea are affected differently from ourselves by the light at the violet end of the spectrum; and his remarks on M. Fabre's experiments on the sense of direction in bees give point to the accusation that even skilled observers are often apt to translate by their own ideas the actions of the animals they are watching.

There is, perhaps, no question more in-teresting than the power of ants to recognize friends from strangers, and we have here some valuable observations and experiments. That the organs of recognition are the antennæ seems now to be certain, but beyond that it is impossible to speak with certainty. M. Forel explains the recognition by "odorat au contact," but Sir John thinks

that the observations cited do not favour the hypothesis; Mr. McCook, an experienced American naturalist, also regards scent as the medium of recognition, and Sir John does not "by any means intend to express the opinion that smell is not the mode by which recognition is effected." But he quotes some observations which, so far as we gather, are intended to oppose the view, though we do not see how they bear on the matter in question. Mr. McCook observed an ant fall accidentally into some water; when she crept out she was seized in a hostile manner by those who ought to have been her friends, because, apparently, she had lost her scent, or caused it to be unrecognizable. Sir John states that "with two at least of our native ants the results were exactly reversed"; but in both the cases cited by Sir John he expressly says that, after immersion, he kept them in bottles to recover themselves, and only returned them to the nest the next morning. He does not, indeed, expressly say that they were dry, but we are entitled to suppose it, and to urge that his experiments were not on all fours with those of Mr. McCook.

The book must be regarded as one which is rather helpful and suggestive than monographic or final. When we contemplate the occupations of most entomologists it is a matter for congratulation that we have here another example of an intelligent at-tempt to study insects. The anatomical chapters are most satisfactory in the portions which treat of the great group of which insects form so large a part; the literature of the subject has obviously been consulted up to the very latest point, and has, on the whole, been used with discretion. The statements about invertebrates other than arthropods are not always so accurate, and it would be better either to complete them or cut them out altogether. For example, among the "lower groups" un-doubted organs of taste, or at least for testing the water, have been found by Lovén in echinids; Claus ascribes an olfactory function to certain pits in some jellyfishes; a good deal more is known about the so-called "olfactory organ" of Mollusca than is here told us. Alpheus, which is common in the Channel Islands, might have been added to the Crustacea which produce sounds.

Many of the figures, most of which are borrowed (the same being acknowledged), are good. In addition to a few errors of the press we note that "cilia" and "ciliæ" are always used for cilium and cilia, and that the, in German eyes, heinous offence of spelling the name of F. (not T.) E. Schulze as though it were the same as that of Max Schulze is committed.

CHEMICAL NOTES.

In 1884 Mr. Brereton Baker communicated to the Chemical Society some most interesting experiments on the influence of moisture on the experiments on the influence of moisture on the combustion of carbon in oxygen, showing that the more thoroughly drying was effected the greater difficulty was experienced in burning the carbon. He has since been engaged in the further investigation of this subject, with results recently communicated to the Royal Society. Hydrogen, both free and combined, aids the union of carbon with dried oxygen, and as phosphorus and boron, like carbon, have a great power of occluding hydrogen. especial precaupower of occluding hydrogen, especial precau-

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tions had to be taken to ensure its absence in the samples of these elements experimented with. In the case of selenium, tellurium, arsenic, and antimony the state of dryness of the oxygen had no effect whatever on the combustion in oxygen; but with carbon, sulphur, boron, and both the red and yellow modifications of phosphorus the combustion was profoundly modified by the amount of moisture present. In all cases some union occurred, but its extent varied with the dryness of the substances, and in no case was it accompanied by flame. Yellow phosphorus was obtained in such a state of purity that it did not even glow in dried oxygen, but the addition of

water caused rapid combustion.

It has generally been considered that amorphous phosphorus does not burn as such, but that when it is ignited it is first converted, by the heat employed, into ordinary phosphorus, which then inflames. In the course of the experiments mentioned above it was found that this view is incorrect, as in an inert gas amorphous phosphorus can be heated to a temperature 40° above the temperature at which it inflames in moist oxygen, without being in the least converted into the ordinary modification. Another important result of these researches is that considerable evidence is obtained to show that carbonic oxide can be produced directly by the union of carbon and oxygen, and is not produced only by the reduction of carbonic acid by carbon; in fact, it is not improbable that the combustion of carbon takes place in two stages, carbonic oxide being first produced and then further oxidized to carbonic acid.

Hérard has shown that when antimony is heated to dull redness in a current of nitrogen greyish vapours are evolved, which condense in groups of small spheres resembling amorphous arsenic in appearance. This modification of antimony is similar to that obtained by Gore by the electrolysis of antimony chloride; it melts at 614°, and has a specific gravity of 6.22, whilst ordinary crystallized antimony melts at 440°, and has a specific gravity of 6.73. There seems some reason to think that a nitride is first formed, and is then decomposed in the cooler parts of the apparatus, inasmuch as the amorphous form of antimony is not obtained if

another gas is substituted for nitrogen.

The vexed question of the vapour densities of the compounds of the metals of the aluminium group is still under discussion. Friedel and Crafts now show that not only aluminium chloride (Athen. October 27th, p. 558), but also gallium and ferric chlorides, can exist in the state of vapour with densities in agreement with the general formula M₂Cl₆: gallium chloride not dissociating into the simpler molecule GaCl₂ below 373°, whilst with ferric chloride the vapour density is practically constant between 321° and 442°, and corresponds with the formula Fe2Cl6. Whether the latter dissociates at higher temperatures into two molecules of the formula FeCla or into ferrous chloride and chlorine, is still an open question.

Ethyl fluoride has been prepared by Moissan in quantity sufficient for the determination of its properties, which have hitherto been practically unknown. It is a colourless gas of agreeable ethereal odour, can be readily liquefied or solidified, burns with a blue flame, and when mixed with excess of oxygen explodes violently

on ignition

Fusel oil has been found by Mr. Hamlet in beer brewed in Sydney, N.S.W. It occurs to the extent of about ‡ grain per gallon.

It is most gratifying to hear that the recent decision of the Contours authorities.

decision of the Customs authorities to allow manufacturers of caffeine to obtain damaged tea without payment of duty has already resulted in the English manufacturers wresting this important industry from Germany, which hitherto has practically had a monopoly of the manufacture. It is needless to say that adequate precautions are taken to preclude the duty-free tea being used for other purposes.

GEOGRAPHICAL NOTES.

SIR W. W. HUNTER, in his anniversary address to the Royal Scottish Geographical Society, to the Royal Scottish Geographical Society, deals eloquently, and with a thorough mastery of the subject, with 'The Historical Aspects of Indian Geography.' Having pointed out the causes which disunited India in the past, he looks forward with confidence to a "United India" of the future. The address, which is published in the Scottish Geographical Magazine for December is illustrated with four parts. for December, is illustrated with four maps, exhibiting physical and political features, ethnology, and density of population. In the same magazine will be found a highly interesting article on irrigation, natural and artificial, in Samarkand and Bokhara, by V. Dingelstedt.

We have received a second edition of Gall & Inglis's Imperial Globe Atlas of Modern and Ancient Geography, furnished with an index of

20,000 names.

Cora's Cosmos publishes an account of the islands Kunamba, Mor, and Wiak, on the north coast of New Guinea, which is based upon a description furnished by Heer F. S. A. de Clercq, the resident of the Moluccas and Ternate. Italian consular report on Uruguay, published in the same journal, furnishes useful information on the economical condition of that South American republic, where England still holds the first place in imports as well as in exports.

Die Korallenriffe der Sinaihalbinsel, von Joh.

Walther, sumptuously printed by the Royal Saxon Academy, records four months' work along the eastern shore of the Gulf of Suez. The dissertation is accompanied by a fine geological

map and by numerous illustrations.

The third part of the Mittheilungen aus den Deutschen Schutzgebieten, edited by Dr. von Danckelman, publishes interesting reports by Lieut. von François and Dr. L. Wolf on recent journeys in the direction of Salaga and the Upper Volta. The station Bismarckburg, which Dr. Wolf founded in June last in the Adeli country (8° 10' N., 0° 35' E. of Greenwich), promises to become a centre of trade, for its present commandant hopes to divert towards it the caravans which have hitherto passed through Salaga to the British Gold Coast. Dr. Wolf's reports, as was to be expected from him, abound in scientific information of considerable value.

The death is reported of Prof. J. Hunfalvy, of Pesth, younger brother of the well-known ethnographer, and Professor of Geography in the university. Some of our readers may remember that his liberal views brought upon him the disfavour of the Austrian Government during the reaction which followed the risings of 1848-9 and for several years he was forbidden to teach

in Hungary.

SOCIETIES.

ROYAL.—Nov. 30.—Anniversary Meeting.—Prof. G. G. Stokes, President, in the chair.—The auditors of the Treasurer's accounts presented their report.—The Secretary read the list of Fellows deceased and Fellows elected since the last anniversary.—The anniversary address was delivered by the President, and it was ordered to be printed.—The medals were then presented as follows: The Copley Medal to Prof. T. H. Huxley; the Rumford Medal to Prof. P. Tacchini; Royal Medals to Baron F. von Mueller and Prof. Osborne Reynolds; and the Davy Medal to Mr. W. Crookes.—The officers and Council for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Prof. G. Stokes; Treasurer, Dr. J. Evans; Secretaries, Prof. Michael Foster and Lord Rayleigh; Foreign Secretary, Prof. A. W. Williamson; Other Members of the Council, Prof. H. E. Armstrong, H. B. Brady, C. B. Clarke, Dr. W. Huggins, J. W. Hulke, Prof. J. W. Judd, Dr. E. E. Klein, Prof. E. Ray Lankester, Prof. H. McLeod, Sir J. Paget, Dr. W. Pole, W. H. Preece, Sir H. E. Roscoe, E. J. Routh, Prof. A. W. Rücker, and Capt. W. J. L. Wharton. Dec. 6.—The President in the chair, followed by Dr. Pole, V.P.—The President for the ensuing session the Treasurer (Dr. J. Evans), Sir J. Paget, Dr. Pole, and Sir H. E. Roscoe.—The following papers were read: 'Description of the Skull of an Extinct Carnivorous Marsupial from a Recently Opened Cave near the Wellington Cave Locality,

New South Wales,' by Sir R. Owen,—'The Pectoral Group of Muscles,' by Prof. B. A. Windle,—'Some Observations on the Amount of Light reflected and transmitted by certain Kinds of Glass,' by Sir J. Conroy,—and 'The Specific Resistance and other Properties of Sulphur,' by Dr. J. Monckman.

GEOLOGICAL.—Dec. 5.—Dr. W. T. Blanford, President, in the chair.—Major F. H. Fawkes, Rev. J. M. Gordon, Rev. T. S. King, Rev. J. Lindsay, Prof. A. P. W. Thomas, Messrs. J. W. Ashwoth, J. C. Blackmore, G. W. Butler, A. Crompton, H. S. Foster, C. J. Gilbert, J. R. Hewitt, C. W. Langree, R. A. F. Murray, Max Prado, W. H. J. Slee, and J. J. Talman were elected Fellows.—The following communications were read: 'Notes on Two Traverses of the Crystalline Rocks of the Alps,' by Prof. T. G. Bonney,—'On Fulgurites from Monte Viso,' by Mr. F. Rutley,—and 'On the Occurrence of a New Form of Tachylyte in association with the Gabbro of Carrock Fell, in the Lake District,' by Mr. T. T. Groom, communicated by Prof. T. McKenny Hughes.

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Society of Antiquaries,—Dec. 6.—Dr. J.
Evans, President, in the chair.—Mr. W. H. St.
John Hope read a report on the excavations at
Strata Florida Abbey.—Prof. Middleton, by permission of the rector, exhibited an altar-cloth
of mediæval needlework from Lyng Church, Norfolk, formed of the greater portion of a blue
velvet cope, with parts of a red velvet chasule,
and a third vestment of tawny velvet. The whole
is English work of the fifteenth century, with characteristic flowers, cherubim, and figures of saints.
—Mr. W. H. St. John Hope, by permission of the
rector, exhibited an altar-cloth, or pall, from Littledean, Gloucestershire, formed of two tunicles of
yellow or tawny velvet, of which the sleeves have
been removed, and the vestments opened out and
sewn side by side. The body of the vestments is
powdered with conventional flowers, and the
orphreys, which are quite perfect, con-sist of
vertical strip before and behind, with figures of
saints under canopies.—Mr. Micklethwaite said that,
so far as he knew, these were the only examples of
English tunicles that had come to light, with the
exception of those preserved at St. John's College,
Oxford.—Rev. J. T. Fowler communicated a note on
two inscriptions on the tower of Great Carlton
Church, Lincolnshire, recording the erection of two
several feet of its height by different persons.—Mr.
G. Clinch read an account of his examination of a
number of supposed pict-dwellings on Hayes Common
Kent.—Canon Benham alluded to some similar number of supposed pit-dwellings on Hayes Common Kent. — Canon Benham alluded to some similar remains, in a line with those on Hayes Common, in remains, in a line with rose of Tayes Common, in Addington Park.—Capt. Acland-Troyte communi-cated some further notes on the harmonies made at Little Gidding under the direction of Nicholas Ferrar, with especial reference to another harmony of the four Gospels that had recently come to light.

ARCH.ZOLOGICAL INSTITUTE.—Dec. 6.—Rev. Sir T. Baker, Bart., in the chair.—Mr. F. C. J. Spurrell described a boat, or "dug-out," discovered in the excavations for the Albert Dock at North Woolwich, whose form was peculiar, but the interest of which lay in the fact that a section of the soils above and below it—a thing rarely attended to-showed that it belonged to a period very slightly preceding, if not actually that of, the Roman arrival in Britain. The camp of Hastings at Shoebury was described by plans and sections, and was shown to belong to that type of camp to which Witham and Danbury also belong. At the time of Constantine it was an inland camp, and, judging and provided the section of the constantine it was an inland camp, and, judging the constantine it was an inland camp, and, judging the constantine it was an inland camp, and, judging the constantine it was an inland camp, and, judging the constantine it was an inland camp, and, judging the constantine it was an inland camp, and, judging the constantine it was an inland camp, and, judging the constantine it was an inland camp, and, judging the constantine it was an inland camp, and, judging the constantine it was an inland camp, and, judging the constantine it was an inland camp, and, judging the camp and the constantine it was an inland camp. Constantine it was an inland camp, and, judging from a study of the erosion of the coast, must, when complete, have had between its nearest point and the sea a distance of half, or even a whole, mile of country, which latter distance Mr. Spurrell pre-ferred. The route taken by Plautius in his invasion of country, which later distince and spiritually with regard to the interesting point mentioned in Dion's narrative as to the locality of the river joining the sea. By recent examination of the buried soil of the Thames marshes, Mr. Spurrell gave distinct reasons why the point could not be near London, inasmuch as during part of the Roman occupation the tide had not yet submerged the low lands of the Thames so far up the river, which were dry and the waters fresh. He gave physical reasons for placing the region where the Thames joined the sea then some twenty miles, or thereabouts, lower down, and in the neighbourhood of Gravesend or East Tilbury; and remarked that had the late Dr. Guest and Sir G. Airy, the latest writers on the subject, examined the matter more deeply, they would have found the old surface very different from what they examined the matter more deeply, they would have found the old surface very different from what the supposed, and they would have learnt, as he had done, that the ocean was further from London in the first century than in the nineteenth.—Mr. J. Harrison exhibited photographs of foliage and heads from some of the spandrils of St. Frideswide's shrins in Oxford Cathedral. He drew attention to the surpassing beauty of the carving, and expressed

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then East an opinion that, although it would not be possible to reproduce the original design, much might be done to show the work to more advantage. He also referred to the symbolical representation in stained glass, in the same cathedral, of the dedication of the convent of St. Mary "by the Thames," and its possessions at Thornebury (now called Binsey), which he said was almost unique; and mentioned that the seal of the monastery, which dates from about 1120, shows St. Frideswide, with an open book in her hand, sitting beneath an arch over which is a thatched building, probably intended for Thornebury, Mr. Harrison thought that the book in the University arms was possibly derived from this seal; and he quoted Dr. Ingram as having stated that the monastery of St. Frideswide, with its surrounding halls—some of which were founded by Anglian (or Mercian) kings—was a place of learning in very early times, a fact recognized also by the Warden of Merton College. Mr. Harrison further suggested that St. Frideswide may have been adopted as patroness of the University from a tradition which had been handed down of her learning and skill in the arts of healing and music beyond that of her contemporaries. The book appears in the hand of her stained-glass effigies in the Latin chapel, and in the statue outside the cathedral. — Precentor Venables gave an account of the portion of the Roman wall lately discovered at Lincoln.—Mr. W. Jones read a paper on a Saxon font in Dolton Church, Devon, which appears to have originally formed the lower portion of an early monolith, and to have been inverted and hollowed out for a font. It is described in Lysons's 'Devonshire,' p. 331, but since that antiquary's time it was cased in wood. In 1862 this was taken away, and the font found to be coated with plaster; on this being also removed the original lighly enriched surface was revealed.

LINNEAN.—Dec. 6.—Mr. W. Carruthers, President, in the chair.—The following were elected Fellows:

IINNEAN.—Dec. 6.—Mr. W. Carruthers, President, in the chair.—The following were elected Fellows: Prof. J. B. L. Mackay; Drs. J. C. Lisboa, D. T. Playfair, and P. Yates; Messrs. H. E. D'Alton, P. Goyen, G. A. Grierson, M. Holtze, R. W. Hullett, J. H. Lace, E. W. Mayhew, D. S. W. Nicholl, D. Prain, C. Reid, and A. B. Rendle.—Mr. W. H. Beeby exhibited, and made some remarks on, specimens of Valeriana mikanii and V. sambueifolia and a series of Potamogeton fluitans.—Mr. F. W. Oliver described the nature and growth of leaf emergences in Eriospermum folioliferum.—Mr. E. M. Holmes exhibited specimens of a new assafætida plant, Ferula fætidissima, and a monstrosity of Zea mays.—Mr. J. G. Baker exhibited a curious variety of Vicia sepium found in North Yorkshire.—Mr. T. Christy exhibited specimens of an undetermined species of Echium received from Persia, and employed medicinally as a good alterative.—The first paper read was one by Dr. Costerus, 'On Malformation in Fuchsia globosa', upon which Prof. Bower offered sone critical remarks.—The next paper was by Mr. B. T. Lowne, who gave an admirable demonstration of the mode of development of the egg and blastoderm of the blowdy.—His conclusions were criticized by Prof. Stewart, Prof. Howes, and Mr. A. R. Hammond.—In continuation of the reports on the collections made by Mr. Ridley in Fernando Noronha, a paper was read on behalf of Mr. Boulenger enumerating the fishes and reptiles from that island which had been identified by him.

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Zoological.—Dec. 4.—Prof. Flower, President, in the chair.—Mr. H. Saunders exhibited and made remarks on an adult male of the American greenwinged teal (Querquedula carolinensis), shot in Devonshire in 1879.—Mr. O. Thomas gave an account of the mammals obtained by Mr. C. M. Woodford during his second expedition to the Solomon Islands. The author stated that the total number of species of mammals now known from the Solomons was brought up by the present collection from thirteen to twenty-two, and that of these no fewer than eight had been discovered by Mr. Woodford, his previous collection having contained examples of two and the present of six new species. There were also two new genera of bats to be added to the one previously described.—Mr. F. E. Beddard read apper on the genus Clitellio. The paper contained an account of the anatomy of two species, Clitellio arenarius and C. ater; the most important fact referred to was the presence of an oviduct, which had only lately been found in the Tubificidæ (in the genus Psammoryctis). The paper also contained some remarks upon the synonymy of the two species, particularly of C. ater, which was probably identical with D'Udekem's Tubifex benedii and with Zeuger's Peloryctis inquilina. It was also pointed out that C. ater is not congeneric with C. arenarius, but probably belongs to Eisen's genus Hemitubifex.—Prof. Howes and Mr. Davies read a paper on the distribution and morphology of the supernumerary phalanges in the anurous batrachians. The authors

described for the first time the primary mode of development of a supernumerary phalanx. They concluded that the same is in the Anura identical with the interphalangeal syndesmoses, and that the syndesmoses and phalanges are derivatives of a common blastema. In its fully differentiated condition the structure in question was shown to be functional in receiving the direct thrust under the weight of the falling body in saltation, all the variations in structure being readily intelligible on that view. The authors discussed the bearings of the facts upon classification and upon the broader question of the morphology of supernumerary phalanges in general. They showed that the facts of development indicated a probable intercalary origin of the latter from the interarticular syndesmoses; and that the numerical increase of the phalanges in the Cetacea may have been associated with the loss of ungues, somewhat similarly to the way in which the multiplication of segments of the cartilaginous rays in the paired fins of the Batoidei would appear to have been connected with the disappearance of horny fin-rays. The authors also showed that the Discoglosside alone among the Anura retained for life the undifferentiated syndesmoses, and that this feature testified more forcibly than anything else to their low affinities. They also described a community of structure between the modified syndesmoses in certain Anura and the apparatus of the knee-joint in mammals, and urged that the facts were such as to necessitate a reconsideration of the morphological value of the latter.—A communication was read from Mr. J. J. Lister, on the natural history of Christmas Island, in the Indian Ocean, which he had visited in 1887 as naturalist to H.M. surveying vessel Egeria. Mr. Lister gave a detailed account of the birds obtained in Christmas Island. Of these seven were land birds, all of which belonged to species peculiar to the island, though some of them approached their allies in the Indian Archipelago very closely.—Mr. O. Thomas read a pa

A. G. Butler; on the other insects, by Mr. Kirdy; and on the Annelida, Myriapoda, and land Crustacea, by Mr. R. I. Pocock.

ENTOMOLOGICAL.—Dec. 5.—Dr. D. Sharp, President, in the chair.—Mr. B. A. Bower was elected a Fellow.—Mr. W. F. Kirby exhibited, for the Rev. Dr. Walker, a variety of the female of Ornithoptera brookiana; also, for Major Partridge, an undetermined species of the genus Hadena, captured last summer in the Isle of Portland.—Mr. R. South exhibited a series of specimens of Tortrix piccana, L., from a pine wood in Surrey; also melanic forms of Tortrix podana, S.—Prof. Meldola exhibited, for Dr. Laver, a melanic specimen of Catocala nupta, taken last September at Colchester.—Mr. E. B. Poulton exhibited preserved larve of Sphinx convolvuli, showing the extreme dark and light forms of the species.—Mr. M'Lachlan called attention to a plate representing species of the genus Agrotis, executed by photography, illustrating a memoir by Dr. Max Standfuss in the Corresponderz-Blatt, Verein "Isis," in Dresden, 1888.—Canon Fowler exhibited a specimen of Mycterus curculionoides, L., sent to him by Mr. Olliff, and taken near Oxford about 1882.—Mr. W. Nicholson exhibited several extraordinary melanic varieties of Argynnis niobe and A. pales, collected by himself last summer in the Engadine.—Mr. J. H. Leech exhibited a collection of Lepidoptera formed last year at Kiukiang, Central China. It included several new species, also a variety of Papilio sarpedon and other interesting forms.—Mr. H. Goss exhibited, for the Rev. T. A. Marshall, fifteen undescribed species of British Braconidæ. —Mr. A. Wailly exhibited a collection of Lepidoptera lately received from Assam, containing upwards of thirty-five species of Papilio, Ornithoptera, Charaxes, Diadema, Cyrestis, and other genera.—Mr. Meyer-Darcis exhibited specimens of Sternocera tricolor, Kerr, and S. variabilis, Kerr, from Lake Tanganyika; and two new species of Julodis from Syria.—Mr. F. Merrifield exhibited, and made remarks on, a series of species representing th

Sharp took part.—Mr. Merrifield read a paper entitled 'Incidental Observations in Pedigree Mothbreeding.' This paper contained a detailed account of experiments with Sclenia illustraria, S. illunaria, and E. alniaria, which, so far as they had yet proceeded, indicated that retardation of development in the growing stages of the larvæ, as well as in the pupal stage, was the cause of the darkening of colour in the perfect insects.—Lord Walsingham, Prof. Meldola, Messrs. Poulton, White, and Merrifield took part in the discussion which ensued.—Mr. J. H. Leech read a paper 'On a Small Collection of Lepidoptera from Kiukiang.'

PHILOLOGICAL.— Dec. 7.— Rev. Dr. R. Morris, President, in the chair.—Dr. K. D. Buellring's papers on the earliest complete English prose Psalter, and the four Dublin MSS. of Hampole's 'Pricke of Conscience,' were read by Dr. Furnivall. The first complete English prose Psalter is in two fourteenth century MSS.—the Additional 17,376 in the British Museum, complete, and the Trinity College, Dublin, MS. A. 44, incomplete, but containing a far more accurate text than the Museum MS. Both MSS. have the Latin Vulgate text too. Dr. Buellring showed the extraordinary carelessness of the scribe of the Museum MS., and discussed fully his dialectal peculiarities and phonology. The Dublin MSS. of the 'Pricke of Conscience' he fitted into their place in Dr. P. Andreae's scheme of the eighteen Museum MSS. of this poem.

Society of Aets.—Dec. 5.—Col. Sir O. T. Burne in the chair.—Ninety-one new Members were elected.

—A paper 'On the Graphophone' was read by Mr. H. Edmunds. Several of the instruments were exhibited and shown in action.

Dec. 10.—Mr. B. F. Cobb in the chair.—Capt. Abney delivered the third of his course of Cantor Lectures 'On Light and Colour.' The lecture was largely illustrated by experiments.

Dec. 12.—Sir F. Abel in the chair.—Five new Members were elected.—A paper 'On Explosives' was read by Mr. W. H. Deering, and was followed by a discussion.

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PHYSICAL.—Dec. 8.—Prof. Reinold, President, in the chair.—Dr. A. Gamgee and Mr. A. P. Trotter were elected Members.—The following communications were read: 'Note on a Modification of the Ordinary Method of determining Electro-magnetic Capacity,' by Mr. J. W. W. Waghorne,—and 'On some Facts connected with the Systems of Scientific Units of Measurement,' by Mr. T. H. Blakesley.—Some improved polarizing apparatus for microscopes were exhibited and described by Dr. S, P. Thompson.

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Folk-Lore,—Dec. 6.—Mr. A. Lang, President, in the chair.—The Honorary Secretary (Mr. Foster) read the annual report, which explained the nature of the work of the Society up to the present time, and declared that in future, while the collection of folk-lore was still to be pushed rapidly on, the analysis and tabulation of existing collections should have the serious attention of the Society. It pointed out that the Society had already paid some attention to this under the heads of (1) bibliography, (2) tabulation of folk-tales, (3) handbook of folk-lore; to which the Council now added (4) analysis of customs and superstitions.—After the formal business was concluded, Mr. Lang gave his inaugural address, and congratulated the members upon the work achieved by the Society. Mr. Lang touched upon some departments of folk-lore which had not yet received due attention by the Society, particularly the comparison of ordinary ghost stories. He himself had once gone into the subject of the Beresford ghost story, which had been adapted by Sir Walter Scott in ballad form, and he had traced it back through a number of medieval sermons to William of Malmesbury. From this he inferred either that ghosts had certain fixed habits, or that old stories were adapted with triffing alterations. This led him to the subject of the tendency of the human mind to invent the same stories, and the question how far such stories were invented separately, and how far they were transmitted and handed down from a common centre. Mr. Lang then dwelt at some length on the evidence for folk-lore, and declared that, as a matter of fact, the evidence was good, though comparative mythologists were continually declaring that it did not exist. On the vexed question of the definition of folk-lore, he suggested that it was a department or branch of the science of anthropology which dealt with all the waifs and strays of man's oldest thoughts. In one sens

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only at the beginning of the subject. An object to which they might usefully devote themselves was the collection of the folk-stories of Great Britain. the collection of the folk-stories of Great Britain. This would enable them to determine whether there were not more than three belonging specially to this country—namely, Tom Hickathrift, Jack the Giant Killer, and Jack and the Beanstalk.—Mr. Nutt, Mr. Clodd, Mr. Gomme, and Dr. Gaster took part in the

SHORTHAND.—Dec. 5.—Mr. J. G. Petrie, President, in the chair.—Mr. H. L. Callendar and Mr. H. Thompson, Associates, were elected Fellows.—Mr. O. Eaves (Harrogate) was appointed local honorary secretary for Yorkshire, and the Rev. D. S. Davies (Carmarthen) local honorary secretary for South Wales.—The Rev. D. S. Davies read a paper, 'Longhand the Proper Basis of Shorthand,' and explained his own system "Sonography," constructed on that principle. The system has some original methods in it, especially in regard to the use of the junction of one character with another on what may be termed upper and lower levels, thus saving the distinction of phonetic pairs by thickening. Separate signs for the terminating syllables ice and ize are also used. The letters of the consonant alphabet are founded on the longhand slope, the flat sounding letters being The letters of the consonant alphabet are founded on the longhand slope, the flat sounding letters being distinguished from the sharp ones by having curved heads. There are a few alternative signs on the backward slope. All the vowel signs are distinguished by being made horizontally. The vowels are always joined in their proper sequence, the author's theory being that if longhand is illegible without vowels shorthand must be even more illegible without them. An interesting discussion follows: gible without them. An interesting discussion followed.

MEETINGS FOR THE ENSUING WEEK.

Mon. London Institution, 5.—'The New Forces in India,' Sir W. W. Hunter.

Aristotelian, 8.—'The Theory of Moral Responsibility,' Mr. G. J. Romanes.

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Society of Arts, 8.—'Light and Colour,' Lecture IV., Capt. W. de W. Abney (Cantor Lecture).
Institute of British Architects, 8.—'Musical Requirements in Church Planning,' Mr. J. Beicher.
Geographical, 8.§.— Explorations on the Chindwin River, Upper Burms,' Col. E. G. Woodthorpe.
Statistical, 7.
Civil Engineers, 8.—'The Friction of Locomotive Silde-Valves,'

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by Deputy Surgeon. General B. Hungerford, 'Mr. G. B.
Sowerby; 'List of the Lepidoptera-Heterocera, with Descriptions of the New Species, collected by Mr. C. M. Woodford at
Ao's, Guadalcanar Island, Solomon Islands,' Mr. H. Druce;
'Lepidoptera of Japan and Corne: Part II, Heterocara,' Mr.
J. H. Leech, 'Remarks on the Numbers and on the Phylosterorological,' T.— Note on the Prolonged Spell of Cold Weather
from September, 1887, to October, 1888,' Mr. C. Harding; 'Report on the Phenological Observations for 1883,' Rev. T. A.
Preston; 'A Winter's Weather at Massowah, 'Capt. D. WilsonBarker.

Preston; 'A winter a reason as a second of Crinoidea from the 'Weisser Jura' of Würtemberg, with Description of New Species, 'Mr. F. A. Bather; 'On Archæograthus, Billings, and on other Genera allied thereto or associated therewith, from the Cambrian Strata of North Am "rica,' Dr. G. J. Hinde; 'On the Jersey Birké (Lay,' Dr. A. Duniop.

colety of Arts, 8.—' Standards of Light,' Mr. W. J. Dibdin.

- Society of Arts, 6.— Seminance Thurs. Royal. 4j.
- London Institution, 6.— Life-History of some Animals, Prof. C.

Stewart.
L'Innean, 8.— 'Natural History of the Kangaroo Island Grass
Tree,' Mr. J. G. O. Tepper; 'Apyocistis a Volvocinea,' Mr. S.
Moore; 'New Species of Shells,' Mr. G. B. Sowerby.
Chemical, 8. 8j.-'The Site of the Battle of Brunauburh,' Rev.

illological, 8.—'Loan-words in Latin,' Mr. E. R. Wharton;
'Dialect of Urbino, Nasals, &c.,' Prince L. L. Bonaparte.

Science Cossip.

THE death is reported of Mr. Earnshaw, a well-known Cambridge mathematician. He was Senior Wrangler in 1831, and wrote a 'Treatise on Dynamics' and other text-books.

A NEW volume of the "Specialists' Series," on telephones, by Mr. W. H. Preece and Dr. Julius Maier, will be published shortly by Messrs. Whittaker & Co.

FINE ARTS

ROYAL SOCIETY of PAINTERS in WATER COLOURS—The WINTER EXHIBITION of SKETCHES and STUDIES is NOW OPEN. -5, Pall Mail East, from 10 till 5—Admission, 1s.: Catalogue, 6d. ALFRED D. FRIPF, R. W.S., Secretary.

THE VALE OF TEARS.—DORE'S LAST GREAT PICTURE, com-neds a few days before he died, NOW ON VIEW at the Dorf Gallery, New Bond Street, with 'Christ leaving the Præstorium,' 'Christ's try into Jerusalem.' 'The Dream of Pilate's Wife,' and his other ast Pictures. From 10 to 6 Dally.—admission, its.

CHRISTMAS BOOKS.

ONE of the most enjoyable of the gift-books of the season is the winter idyl called Flora's Feast: a Masque of Flowers (Cassell), "penned and pictured by Walter Orane," which opens appropriately with The sullen winter nearly spent, Queen Flora to her garden went, To call the flowers from their long sleep, The year's glad festivals to keep,

and a figure of the goddess, clad in white, stepping amid spring flowers and waving a sceptre budding into a crocus. The grace of the design, the absence of affectation or sentimentality in the attitude, and the beauty of the figure, which, like an antique statue, is quite unconscious of its charm, are most pleasing. A playful fancy and elegant spirit find choice artistic expression throughout the book. There is a long and splendid spectacle in the forty illustrations, each of which is devoted to a flower of the season. As the old gardeners planted floral calendars, where, as the weeks sped, appropriate blossoms sprang to light, so, as we turn each leaf, Mr. Crane has given us a new pleasure. If we must select designs where all are charming, let us name the pretty milkmaids wearing lady-smocks "all silver-white," the knights riding two and two and for spears bearing iris and flag, the lovers bowered in roses, and the maiden queens

— stately Lilies, pale and proud, In vesture pure as summer cloud,

who form a lovely picture. The crocus, anemone, daffodil, marsh marigold, buttercup, lady of the wood, thorn, tulip, hyacinth, may, daisy, tiger-lily, ox-eye, poppy, and evening primrose, who

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A beacon to the garden-camp,

each takes a turn in the artist's service.

M.P.s in Session, from Mr. Punch's Parlia-mentary Portrait Gallery (Bradbury, Agnew & mentary Portrait Gallery (Bradbury, Agnew & Co.), is Mr. H. Furniss's chef-d'œuvre, incomparably better than his exhibition. It is full of fun, and satire impartially applied, but not less shrewd on that account. The portraits are full of spirit and life, and not mere caricatures, with just enough of likeness to make them go down, and exaggerations beyond the rules of taste. The funniest are those which show how Mr. Furniss supposes certain M.P.s appear in the eyes of their habitual antagonists. Thus Sir G. O. Trevelyan appeared, before the change in his views, to Mr. Biggar to be a jointed wooden toy, which some one else works up and down while it grins, and Mr. Biggar faced his foe as a grinning and black ape leering with hideous insolence and furnished with the devil's tail. Mr. Labouchere riding the Monster Bradlaugh (whose face is half upper-lip) flourishes the sword "Ruin" in the face of Mr. Newdegate, who to the elect of Northampton seems a scolding old woman flourishing the umbrella of "Cant," and denouncing the name of these of Bradlaugh. Perhaps the best or bradiaugh. Fernaps the best of these two-edged cuts is the pair in which we see "W. E. G.," as painted by Lord R. Churchill, black as ink and with enormous collars and claws, and Lord R. Churchill as three indomitable midges, ready to sting and poison.

Béranger's Poems (Allen & Co.) contains "versions of the best translations" (a phrase we are not sure we understand) and commonplace designs laboriously and neatly engraved on steel. The best of the whole, in all respects, is 'Le Jongleur,' by M. A. Lemud; after this is 'Au Galop,' by the same, both capital works, fine and animated. The translations illustrate the difficulty of rendering French verse into English. We fancy we have seen this book before.

The Mirror of the World, by O. Uzanne (Nimmo), comprises besides a hundred and fifty dainty and spirited vignettes and borders, many of which are printed in metallic inks giving pretty reflets of various hues, a text as brilliant, wittily sardonic, and amusing as the author of 'The Fan,' 'The Sunshade,' and 'The French-woman of the Century' (all of which we have noticed) could be expected to write. The cuts are the original cuts of M. Paul Avril. The whimsical spirit of the author and artist is animated by Watteau-like grace, vivacity, and daring, and possesses not a little of that touch of voluptuousness which informs the cynicism of

the text and imparts to it a subtle spell, forcing us to read page after page about the heroic tinse of some youthful dreams of "society" in Paris. The translator is equal to his task of rendering into happy English the sparkling and nervous French of the genial cynic who writes behind a satiric mask, and not only of fashionable women, but of artists, their models, the bourgeois and his homeless house, the man of taste and the decorations of his house, the man of letters and his study, and the lady and her lover who are as dainty as they are amorous. We notice on every page nice points of discrimination of terms in both languages, such as those on p. 100, where the various senses of "sport" in French and English are set forth, and it is shown that the French word is a weak modern version of the Old French desport, which refers to the British sportively. That is a pretty touch which of one kind of sport says: "As for the yachting man, he is a correct and immensely wealthy gentleman, who likes to air his wearness in a moving prison, in which he only acts as honorary captain."

Notre Dame de Paris. By Victor Hugo. Illustrated by Bieler, Rossi, and De Myrbach, Translated by A. L. Alger. (Low & Co.)—Two beautifully printed volumes contain a capital translation of the great romance, giving almost, but not quite, the whole of the intensely Gothic spirit which informs Hugo's masterpiece. spirit which informs Hugo's masterpiece. Here and there, however, slips—such as "Vagrant Vagabonds"—prove that the translator has nodded a little. There have been better series of illustrations to this famous book than these, yet some of them are exceedingly clever, energetic, and sympathetic, and have touches of a wild picturesqueness suited to the subjects.
They fail most of all in depicting the grace and elfish witchery of Esmeralda, but the tragic energy of the design showing the prison cell of the condemned gipsy is first rate.

Otto of the Silver Hand, written and illustrated by H. Pyle (Low & Co.), is a picturesque and romantic story of the Middle Ages, of feudal wrath and revenge, and of curious adventures which have a striking conclusion. Its figures include the Emperor Rudolph, robber barons, monks, the Baron Conrad Drachenhausen, his Countess Matilda, and their son Otto of the Silver Hand. The designs illustrating the text are drawn in Albert Dürer's style of outlines and shadows, and the forms resemble those of sculpture, or rather of the art of carving wood, the influence of which is obvious in all early German works, especially in xylography. The design are masculine, full of energy and character, and very soundly drawn. 'Otto of the Silver Hand' is so good a specimen of Mr. Howard Pyle's powers with the pen and pencil that we hope to

hear of him again.

Mr. Punch's Victorian Era (Bradbury, Agnew & Co.), Vol. III., consists of cuts borrowed from "the contemporary pages of Punch," and almost exclusively the works of Mr. Tenniel. The designs are arranged in chronological order, beginning with 1870. They represent the defects of Mr. Tenniel's idiosyncrasies not less faithfully and vigorously than they reproduce his admirable wit and intense hatred of wrong and, above all, of political charlatanry and social shams. When these records of our time are searched by future cataloguers of satirical prints they will be found to embody the deeper truths of history, and, found to embody the deeper truths of history, and, far more than anything else, to retain the fiere passion of the hour. Among the shrewdest satires in the series is Mr. Gladstone as a huge parrot, grasping the perch marked "Liberal Party," having whetted his beak on the pole and abut to shriek his next "cry." This masterpiece has rarely been excelled. "The Irish Devil Fish," Gladstone throttling the "Land League, is, although an anachronism, first rate. The finest piece of humour, combining wit and freshness of fun, is the group of "Conservative Owls" in a belfry, entitled 'The False Alarm,' and repre5, '88

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enting Lord Salisbury and other Churchmen receiving, without entirely trusting, the declaration of Mr. Chamberlain that the Church would not be disestablished by the Parliament then assembled. Mr. Smith, the apothecary administering a full dose of "Closure" to Mr. Gladstone, who declares it to be "nasty stuff," and is answered, "Nasty, Doctor! Why, it is your own prescription!" is made more witty by the admisble expression of the patient's countenance. prescription!" is made more witty by the admirable expression of the patient's countenance. The Old Umbrella, 'Young King Coal,' The Start,' Set down Two and carry One,' 'Socialism; the Devil sowing Tares,' and 'The Waits' are in Mr. Tenniel's finest vein. On the other hand, he probably never designed anything worse than 'Too Late!' (Britannia declaiming melodramatically about the abandonment of Gordon), 'In Memoriam,' and 'Peace with Honour,' all of which illustrate his taste for melodrama. melodrama.

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Coaching Days and Coaching Ways, by W. O. Tristram, illustrated by H. Railton and H. Thompson (Macmillan), a handsomely printed and well-bound volume, contains bright, picturesque, and anecdotical notices of trips along most of the great roads radiating from the metropolis and spirited descriptions of the peculiarities of each of them, such as prove the author's knowledge to have been obtained "from nature," as artists say. The notes are most lively, and embody bits of old diaries, travels, and histories of all sorts, which are very pleasant when recalled to the memory of an omnivorous general reader. Mr. Tristram is by no means when recalled to the memory of an omnivorous general reader. Mr. Tristram is by no means a mere collector or conveyer of other men's records and opinions, but a writer—see his comments on Mr. Hall's fancy portrait of "Wild Darrell, of Littlecote Hall"—whose judicious septicism rejects the whitewashing of knaves, septicism rejects the whitewashing of knows, ruffans, and scoundrels of all sorts which is a sign of the moral decadence of our nation.

Nearly all the cuts are good, picturesque, and nicely drawn, and generally from unhackneyed

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(Second and Concluding Notice.)

Mr. GLINDONI's single figure, called *The Solo* (No. 19), is a bright and deft sketch. — Mr. E. A. Waterlow's *In St. Ives Harbour* (23), picturesque old white houses on the seashore and mesque old white houses on the sessione and in sunlight, is very sunny, cleverly touched, and pure in colour.—La Casa dei Giganti, Verona (26), by Mr. S. J. Hodson, forms a contrast to the last in the rich depth of its tones and colours and the stateliness of its architecture. It reminds us of J. Holland, and not unfavourably. reminds us of J. Holland, and not unfavourably.—Mr. Phillip's Loch Maree (29), the lake and hills in calm rainy weather, is a noble subject sympathetically sketched, and is much superior to his more laboured pictures.—The Sun-dial (35) shows Mr. Marks making what actors are aid to call "a point," and doing so with less spontaneity than usual. The theme is hackneyed stat the rectire weather. and the motive worn out. An old gentleman, who looks as if he had "gone on" in a Shak-pearean drama, is moralizing about a garden dial. The wall behind him is a little obtrusive, and dial. The wall behind him is a little obtrusive, and his attitude is not animated. Still the keeping of the costume, the solidity of the whole, and the "colour" of the black dress could not be better. Mr. Marks's Autolycus in "Jog on, jog on the footpath way" (131), is beyond question the only picture he has painted that is worse than indifferent. The pedlar is not well constructed, and his action is imperfectly expressed. On the other hand, in News in the Village (167), if some of the figures are rather stiff and the execution is a little flat and dry, several of the countenances are excellent. Although the simplest of the painter's subjects Although the simplest of the painter's subjects this year, The Casket (321) is, technically speaking, the most complete of his contributions to the gallery. Here is a thoroughly well-modelled head with a true expression.

Sir O. W. Brierly was unusually fortunate in drawing with firmness and spirit the lifeboat which lies on rosy sands in the foreground of which lies on rosy sands in the foreground of Study of Lifeboat (39), but the colour of the distance is dirty, and his touch is frequently weak.—On the Shore of the Zuyder Zee (36), by Mr. G. H. Andrews, renders happily a sunny, rich-tinted, and glowing effect, and boats whose white and tawny sails stand out against a pure bright blue sky.—Sunny also is Mr. C. Robertson's Mill Creek, Dartmouth (44), which is cleverly drawn, and has silvery shadows, with cleverly drawn, and has silvery shadows, with harmonious colours in a high key.—There is a harmonious colours in a high key.—There is a good deal that is excellent in the atmosphere and soft colouring of On the Vire, St. Lo (49), by Mr. C. Gregory. The composition is a little awkward.—Miss M. Naftel's "The fields breathe sweet" (50), a richly flowering meadow, its half-worn pathway, and a mass of hedgerow trees in their heaviest summer foliage, is very pretty indeed, and exceptionally delicate, bright, and pure. There being too much foreground, the composition of the masses is bad.—Mr. E. K. Johnson's Evening in July (53), a girl in a graceful attitude, who wears a white dress, well studied, standing near a clump of lilies in full bloom and facing the sunset, is charmingly drawn and delicately coloured, and less spotty than is common with the artist, who has succeeded in combining the elements of his design, the figures and flowers at least, with unusual skill.—No. 57, Mr. C. Davidson's At Perran Porth, is a capitally drawn study of a sandy bay and dunes.—We like No. 144, Mr. G. H. Andrews's sunny Messina, the harbour and its picturesque craft, almost as well as his more thorough Study from my Bedroom Mindow Extended (297), a view of eld reddish good deal that is excellent in the atmosphere and well as his more thorough Study from my Bedroom Window, Rotterdam (327), a view of old reddishpurple houses of brick, a street seen from on high, and large buildings, which is very luminous, rich in colour, and firmer and clearer than it is the artist's wont to be.

Mr. G. A. Fripp's Dunstaffnage Castle (160) is one of his best works, while the noble and thoroughly classic qualities of The Coupée, Sark thoroughly classic qualities of The Coupée, Sark (200), are worthy of even higher praise, and the work is a masterpiece worthy of the Society's best time. The severity and epic character of this fine drawing distinguish it from the pretty Lace Maker (163) of Mr. B. Foster, a scene at a cottage door with a girl working at a pillow, which is much broader, softer, and less spotty than the artist's works in general. Of two drawings in the frame numbered 183 A Boat is the finer. It is as admirable in sentiment as in draughtsmanship. The whole would be better if simpler. Some other drawings by the same draughtsmanship. The whole would be better if simpler. Some other drawings by the same should not be overlooked.—Mr. S. J. Hodson has developed that fine original mood of his which justified his election to the Society till Il Fonte Vecchio (169), good as it is, is not above his standard. This is real painting of a high kind, and reminds us of William Hunt's choicer studies of the like kind. With No. 169 let us place No. 214, La Via Gulluzzi, Siena, a narrow street between gigantic walls of dark brown stone, seen in a long nerspective with loftwarches overhead. in a long perspective with lofty arches overhead: a telling and dignified subject, such as delighted several of the "old men," and would have charmed Cozens. Two more studies made in the same city are most noble. — Mr. Wallis is at his best when painting Cairo as it is (how long it will remain so is another matter). There is fine draughtsmanship in The Porch of the Mosque of Sultan Hassan (199), a beautiful and brilliant study of wall decoration in coloured and brilliant study of wall decoration in coloured and carved stones, in sharply contrasted sunlight and shadow. The figures deserved better drawing and more research; we are obliged to take Mr. Wallis's word for the brownness of the great shadow, although it suggests the lamp. Street Scene in Smyrna (216), by the same painter, demands similar criticism of the figures, and still higher praise for the upper portion of the façade.—Cynicht (264) gives Mr. H. C. Whaite's impressions of the so-called "Matterhorn of Wales," a noble group of mountains crowned by a cone which is not less

magnificent because, as a whole, it is within the compass of vision. The drawing is very able indeed, compass of vision. The drawing is very able indeed, but even in the composition most artificial, to say nothing of the colour and effect. We cannot conceive David Cox, Mr. Crane, or Mr. G. A. Fripp treating Cynicht in this fashion. Copley Fielding might have tried the artifices Mr. Whaite has adopted, but he would have used all his skill in concealing them.—Mr. A. Marsh's Sunshine (317) is charmingly fresh and verdurous.—This group of landscapes and buildings may con-—This group of landscapes and buildings may conclude with No. 272, Mr. W. Field's admirable picture of a cottage in a garden of roses, its windows charged with lurid inner light, while the twilight landscape is hardly affected by the new moon. It is called Between the Lights, and is the

We may end these remarks with a group of figure pictures, the most noteworthy of which is Sir J. Gilbert's Cardinal Wolsey (177), which is distinguished by massive colouring and chiar-oscuro, a stately and dramatic movement, and every other quality of high decorative art. The designs for After the Battle (77) and The Endesigns for After the Battle (77) and The Enchanted Forest (103), famous works of Sir John's, are noteworthy in this connexion.—Although it is artificial, Mr. J. H. Henshall's A Brown Study (213), the half-length figure of a lady musing, or rather pretending to be lost in a daydream, is a drawing of marked ability and rare skill. The face of a showy beauty suits the false sentiment of the design. Mr. Henshall has produced sounder bits of work.—Nobody but Mr. F. Smallfield would fail so egregiously with a paked and somewhat meretricious foure with a naked and somewhat meretricious figure like that in Eve's First Sight of the Passion Flower (241), which conveys an astounding idea of the subject, to say nothing of the meaning of the flower's name. The contrast between this subject and its treatment is not wider than that subject and its treatment is not wider than that afforded by Mr. J. D. Watson's dull treatment of the forest scene (260) where Rosalind, Celia, and Jaques met.—Mr. Duncan has done well in English Roses (313), a young lady holding flowers and wearing a dress of rosy white. The style is large, the touch vigorous and firm.—Mrs. Allingham's Autumn Sunshine (319) is in her best vein, and yet not better than several other studies of hers in this room; see, above all, On the Sunny Shore (337), a charming figure of a little girl in red and blue, a gem of colour and fresh sentiment.—Miss Phillott's Maggie (330), a girl's face, is very sweet and tender. face, is very sweet and tender.

NEW PRINTS.

MESSRS. A. TOOTH & Son have issued the best work Mr. L. Lowenstam has yet produced, a fine, broad, careful, and spirited rendering of Mr. Alma Tadema's capital picture called 'Wel-come Footsteps,' which delineates the approach of a Roman lover with a gift of flowers to his fair or a Roman lover with a gift of howers to his fair and buxom mistress, who is seated on a bench of marble covered with a tiger skin. The plate is full of colour, and rich in tone and light and shade. We have a proof with the remarque, an outline sketch of the painter's house at St. John's Wood. The lover was painted from the

John's Wood. The lover was painted from the late Signor Amendola.

Messrs. Boussod, Valadon & Co. have published a new etching from J. F. Millet's well-known work 'Le Semeur.' The etcher is M. Greux, and his transcript is good. He shows sympathy with the style and technique of the artist. The shadows are somewhat deficient in clearness and delicacy. From the deficient in clearness and delicacy. From the same house we have two Goupilgravures after pictures by Mr. B. A. Bateman, respectively called 'Supplication,' a lad coaxing his sweetheart whom he has offended, and 'Retaliation,' a damsel coaxing her sweetheart, who is pretending to sulk. In both cases a bunch of flowers is the reserve of the property of the same of ing to sulk. In both cases a bunch of flowers is the peace offering. Both the designs are very respectable, and the execution is worthy of the subject. The engraving (if such it can be called) of these works is suitable for them or better things. We have proofs signed by the artist. Messrs. Boussod, Valadon & Co. have sent us artist's

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proofs of two plates engraved by M. Varin after the 'Réception au Château' and the 'Au Vert Galant' of M. Adrien Moreau, large plates of attractive and brilliant pictures, crisply, firmly, and deftly engraved, the faces being charmingly finished and well drawn. They evince a true appreciation of the gay and graceful motives of both of these pretty and spirited pictures. The former depicts a lady of the time of Louis XIII. landing from a shallop on a lawn where the owners of a neighbouring château are assembled to receive their fair guest. The landscape, including the smooth reach of a river, with meadows and distant uplands, trees, and the mansion, is capital in its way, and could hardly be prettier. The latter picture represents a party of ladies and gallants seated in an arbour, part of the garden of a château, near a pool. Two gentlemen approach the group, and a pretty lady receives the courteous salutation of one of them. The taste of Watteau has inspired M. A. Moreau, and his work is unexceptionable.

Few examples so thoroughly test the resources of photogravure as Mr. Holman Hunt's solid and brilliant little coast piece, the well-known 'Strayed Sheep.' Of this noteworthy painting we have a transcript from Messrs. Annan & Swan, South Lambeth, which, so far as engraving of the kind could go—and it goes much further than we expect photogravure to go in such a case—is satisfactory, and quite worthy of the signature of the painter upon the proof before us. It has most of the qualities of a mezzotint, and its sharpness gives almost, but not quite, enough of brightness to the lights and clearness to the dayle tenses. In its way, it is a triumph

to the dark tones. In its way it is a triumph. The Fine-Art Society has been exceptionally fortunate in publishing so excellent a photogravure as that of which we have a proof signed by the President of the Academy. It is a brilliant and faithful transcript from Sir F. Leighton's 'Daphnephoria.' Photogravure is at its best in dealing with such a picture as this, which, so to say, lends itself to reproduction of the kind. Nearly all the grace, movement, energy, and beautiful expressions and attitudes of the original are to be found in the print, where much depends on the manner in which the smooth and sumptuous forms, crisp, elaborate, and thoroughly studied draperies, the vivacious and refined expressions, and the stately voluptuousness of the painting are translated into black and white. In short, the print lacks nothing but the colour and some of the brightness of its model.

Jine-Art Cossip.

The exhibition of the "Arts and Crafts" in the New Gallery having closed, great efforts are being made to secure the opening of the Stuart Exhibition to the public in January. A considerable proportion of the relics of the royal race and its chief adherents which were exhibited at Glasgow have been lent for the London gathering. The latter will contain nearly two hundred portraits and about a thousand personal memorials, comprising almost the whole of the known relics of Mary, Queen of Scots; James I. and James II.; Charles I. and Charles II.; the Old and Young Chevaliers; Mary of Modena; and Catherine of Braganza. Among the lenders are Her Majesty; the Duchess of St. Albans; the Dukes of St. Albans, Devonshire, Grafton, Hamilton, Leinster, Norfolk, and Sutherland; Lords Ashburnham, Balfour, Bolton, Braye, Carlisle, Clifford, Crawford and Balcarres, Darnley, Denbigh, Essex, Gallowsy, Fife, Hartington, Herries, Home, Leconfield, Mar and Kellie, Napier, Powerscourt, Spencer, Stanhope, and Winchilsea; the Marchioness of Waterford, Sir H. Bedingfield, Sir R. Cunliffe, Sir C. W. Dilke, Sir J. Dick Lauder, Cameron of Lochiel, Hay of Dunse, Macdonell of Glengarry, Stuart Mackenzie of Seaforth, Cluny Macpherson, Stirling-Maxwell of Keir, and many other generous owners, including Oxford

and Cambridge colleges, and the authorities of Stonyhurst. Among the Stuart *entourage* none of the mistresses, or as Pepys called them "cattle," is included.

THE needful works for extending the New Gallery on the south side, where, as we stated while describing the place, there is land available, are now in hand and will be pushed forward rapidly.

Pewter and pewter marks, a subject hitherto much neglected, is now being taken energetically in hand by Mr. R. S. Hope and Mr. T. M. Fallow, with a view to bringing out a work on the question. The Pewterers' Company have granted access to their records to these gentlemen.

THE proceedings of the Art Congress at Liverpool came to a conclusion on Friday, the 7th inst. The next meeting is to be held in Edinburgh.

At the annual meeting of the Society of Medallists, held at the rooms of the Royal Archæological Institute on the 11th inst., the Hon. C. W. Fremantle, Deputy-Master of the Mint, was re-elected president, and Mr. R. S. Poole and Mr. H. A. Grueber, of the British Museum, hon. secretaries. The Society determined to offer in 1889 two prizes of the value of 25*l.* and 10*l.* for medals or models of medals in bronze or plaster.

THE new volume of the Transactions of the Derbyshire Archæological and Natural History Society, which will be issued to subscribers in the course of January, includes an illustrated account of Mackworth Castle, by the Rev. C. Kerry; plans and descriptions of the churches of Bradbourne and Fenny Bentley, by Mr. Albert Hartshorne, proving the hitherto unsuspected Saxon character of the tower of the former; and a careful description, both by pen and pencil, of the recent Roman finds at Little Chester, by Mr. John Ward.

The January issue of the Reliquary should be of interest to liturgiologists as it will contain an article, by Dr. Wickham Legg, on Mozarabic rites, the result of a recent visit to the different centres in Spain where any remnant of the Mozarabic liturgy still lingers. The same number will contain, among other articles, an illustrated account by the Rev. J. Hirst of certain remarkable early shields found in Crete; a plan and description of recent excavations at Scarborough Castle, by Mr. R. C. Hope; together with a detailed account, by Mr. John Ward, of the new Derbyshire bone-cave, with drawings of the flint implements and other traces of man therein found.

Me G. Clinch, of the British Museum, is going to publish 'Antiquarian Jottings relating to Bromley, Hayes, Keston, and West Wickham, in Kent.' The antiquarian remains within the area of which the work treats are interesting. Many specimens of the palæolithic and neolithic period have been found near West Wickham. The pre-Roman period is represented by the camp in Holwood Park. The remains at War Bank, Keston, go back to the period of the Roman occupation of Britain. Special attention will be paid to the memorials of the dead, whether in the shape of brasses, tombs, ledger-stones, or mural tablets, in the churches of Bromley, Hayes, Keston, and West Wickham. The old mansions within the district, such as Bromley Palace, Hayes Place, West Wickham Court, and Holwood, also receive a share of attention.

From the 15th inst. until the 23rd of February next an exhibition will be opened in the galleries of Olympia, Kensington, comprising works of domestic art, metallic, carved wood, in paper, glass, pottery, porcelain, and textiles, as well as printing, bookbinding, and engraving of all sorts.

The new catalogue of a portion of the Berlin Museum, compiled by Dr. Bode and Herr von Tschudi, has been published. It is devoted to the works of plastic art in the collection, in-

cluding carvings in wood, marble, and stone, toreutic examples, and terra-cotta works. Much of the book, which will be welcome to students, is, of course, given to Italian examples from Lombardy and Venice, productions of the Pisani, &c. The most interesting section relates to the fifteenth century, which has long been Dr. Bode's special study. The specimens are arranged in the chrenological order, and grouped according to schools and hands, including the plaquettes, which have lately attracted much attention. There are numerous specimens of Donatello, Michelozzo, Rosellino, Desiderio da Setignano, Verocchio, the Della Robbias, Riccio, Antonio da Brescia, and many more. Sixteenth century work begins with Michael Angelo's statue of John the Baptist, not long since added to the museum. German works and specimens in uncommon materials, such as speckstein, as well as those of silver and wood, have ample attention. Every specimen is most carefully and thoroughly described, and its history related in smaller type. The book is amply illustrated.

THE Louvre has acquired at the sale of the Baslini collection, Milan, a very fine signed portrait in profile of an old man, dressed in black, seated, with both hands upon his knees and in a large chair which is covered with red velvet. It is by Moroni.

It is stated that the family of the late M. van Praet has decided not to sell the famous collection of pictures formed by that gentleman. It will be exhibited in Paris next year. M. Devaux, the heir of the estate, has promised to send the principal paintings to the Exposition Rétrospective de l'Art Français du Siécle, so says La Chronique des Arts. The same authority states that the Louvre has been enriched by the addition of a charming little picture signed "Lenain, 1649," and representing the interior of a country house, with figures, evidently portraits, seating and standing near a table. The Louvre has likewise gained by the gift of M. Maciet a panel representing Anne de Beaujeu kneeling in a landscape, while behind her stands St. John the Evangelist. It is probably one of the wings of a triptych, of which the Louvre has since 1842 possessed the companion wing, showing Pierre de Bourbon, Sire de Beaujeu, in the same attitude and attended by St. Peter. Both paintings are by the same hand, and quite perfect. The lines of the landscape in each follow each other exactly. The wolds are fine specimens of the French school of the end of the fifteenth century. M. Maciet has likewise given two wooden panels—the Deposition from the Cross, and a portrait of a young man—both belonging to the above-named period and probably from Auvergne.

At the sale of the collection of the late Her von Rinecker last month at Cologne Rembrandt's 'Le Jeune Savant,' upon canvas, realized

THE mural pictures by Poussin in the church of San Martino at Rome are at this moment in great peril in consequence of the excavations undertaken for a new street. The walls are shaken and cracked. In the nave one of the paintings has fallen in pieces, while many more will, unless the modern ediles intervene, suffer

THE death is announced of Prof. E. Henzlmann, of Pesth, most esteemed in Hungary as an antiquary.

On the occasion of the King of Würtemberg's jubilee a comprehensive "Graphic Exhibition" will be held next June at Stuttgart, embracing all articles connected with the art and industry of printing, engraving, binding, &c. The exhibition will not have an international, but a purely local character.

On the rocks of a hillside along the road leading to the sanctuary of Æsculapius at Epidaurus have been discovered a series of prehistoric tombs of great importance, as they prove that such remains are scattered all over Argolis,

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chibiurely for they are just the same as those recently laid here at Nauplia and Mycenæ. Of the seven tombs opened so far, one has an avenue six mètres long, closed at two mètres distance from the door by a wall of large stones. On breaking open the sepulchral chamber it was found to be a circular grotto, four mètres in diameter and two in height. Four skeletons were here found lying on the ground with their heads towards the walled-up doorway, which was due east. A ressel of the Mycenæ epoch was found at the sead and at the right side of each of the skeletons, and near one was a bronze lance-head well preserved. In another of the smaller tombs was found the skeleton of a woman with a bronze fibula and two whorls.

THE excavations made underneath the Acropolis Museum at Athens are now finished. Besides fragments of terra-cotta and of bronze, and statusties in both materials, they have brought to light the marble wing of a large Nike, and a notable part of the cyclopean wall of the Acropolis, which was found running under the pavement of the northern rooms. Three prehistoric spultures were discovered upon the rock, one of them containing the skeleton of a man with a Mycene vase.

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THE WEEK.

8r. James's Hall.—Novello's Oratorio Concerts. London Symphony Concerts. Herr Waldemar Meyer's Concert. Another season of the Novello Oratorio Concerts was commenced on Thursday last week in a highly satisfactory manner. Of the few novelties produced at the provincial festivals this year, Dr. Hubert Parry's oratorio 'Judith' is unquestionably the most important, and it was the fulfilment of a duty to bring the work at the earliest possible moment under the notice of London musicians. At the lowest estimate 'Judith' is a work of considerable significance, not only on account of its own intrinsic value, but as indicating the progress and development of its composer's mind. We shall not enter into the controversy as to whether it expresses the renunciation of former art views or is merely the natural outcome of a maturing style. Such discussions are of no value whatever; polemics in art never advanced those who introduced them nor their theories, of which we have a salient example in the injury wrought to the sublime works of Wagner by the intemperate language of himself and his injudicious worshippers. That 'Judith' is an immense advance on its composer's earlier efforts must be at once conceded, and from the striking enthusiasm with which it was received last week it would seem to contain the elements of popularity. Its immediate effect was certainly very great, but it would be rash to predict its permanent position among works of the same class. Experience has proved again and again that an interesting and sym-pathetic libretto is essential in order to win popular success, and the book of Dr. Parry's oratorio, though skilfully put together, is not calculated to secure the suffrages of the general public. Its author shrank from dealing with the central situation of the story in a strongly dramatic spirit, and by introducing extraneous matter he has given us really two distinct dramas. The first part, or act, is a complete tragedy in itself, and in the second we are dealing with fresh issues of less interest. Dr. Parry has been blamed, unnecessarily however, for the inconsistency

of Manasseh's character. Biblical commentators generally agree that the worship of Moloch was complementary to rather than subversive of the homage paid to Jehovah. The rapid advance of the Assyrian people preyed upon the cowardly natures of Ahaz and Manasseh, and they sought to ensure deliverance by propitiating all deities. But, however this may be, it must be owned that we do not follow the characters in the oratorio with any real sympathy. Manasseh is contemptible from first to last, Judith is almost a cipher, and a passing feeling of interest is alone roused in the queen and her children, who quickly disappear.

The question, then, remains whether the music is sufficiently strong of itself to carry 'Judith' along the tide of success. If it prove so, Dr. Parry will deserve the heartiest congratulations, for his experience will constitute a release experience. perience will constitute a welcome exception to that of other composers. In our notice of the production at the Birmingham Festival we commented on the music in some detail, and it is only necessary to add that it bears the test of repetition exceed-ingly well. Indeed, some portions im-proved on acquaintance, and a few moderate and judicious excisions in the second part materially heightened the general effect. The trio, which was the weakest number in the entire work, has been sacrificed, and other sections have been neatly curtailed. The strength of the oratorio, of course, still remains in the choruses; in these the majesty of the structure and the excellence of the part-writing are calculated to interest performers and audience alike, and to this must be attributed the admirable rendering must be attributed the admirable rendering and the hearty reception of every choral number. The Novello Choir gave almost excessive testimony of its zeal; now and then the vigorous sopranos forced their voices, producing a slightly hard quality of tone. But the excellent attack, strict attention to the conductor's beat, and high quality of the singing generally call for the warmest praise, in which, of course, Dr. Mackenzie should share. Three of the soloists were the same as at Birmingham, namely, Miss Anna Williams, Madame Patey, and Mr. Lloyd, all of whom sang in a manner worthy of their reputations. The arduous of the principal part is not in favour of the general acceptance of the work, as only an artist gifted with the powers of a Tietjens could render it full justice. Mr. Plunket Greene, who undertook the two bass parts, has a fine voice, which he should subject to further training. Masters Lionel
Wynne and Frank Lambert, two of Mr.
Stedman's choir, were quite equal to the
music allotted to the king's ill-fated children.
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It has been an exceedingly unpleasant duty to point out the shortcomings of the orchestra at Mr. Henschel's Symphony Concerts this season, and it is therefore with much pleasure that we record the striking improvement at the concert of Tuesday evening. The programme was, as usual, admirable in selection and variety. A very careful performance of Beethoven's 'Coriolan' Overture prepared the hearer for the excellent rendering of the subsequent items. Berlioz's symphony 'Harold en Italie' received a large amount of justice, the interpretation of the lovely Pilgrims' March

being especially thoughtful and refined. The solo viola part was played in a masterly manner by Mr. Emil Kreuz, who, though still a student at the Royal College of Music, may already be considered an artist. The best performance of the evening, however, was that of Wagner's 'Träume,' which Mr. Henschel first introduced in London last season. This charming little piece was rendered with the utmost delicacy and expression, and would have been gladly heard a second time but for Mr. Henschel's inflexible rule respecting encores. Much enthusiasm was also excited by Madame Essipoff's vigorous execution in Saint-Saëns's Pianoforte Concerto in a minor. What may be termed virtuoso music suits the Russian pianist better than the works of the classic masters, and we can fully endorse the verdict of Tuesday's audience. If the standard reached at this concert be maintained Mr. Henschel's enterprise will deserve the fullest sympathy and support of musicians.

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The second of Herr Waldemar Meyer's orchestral concerts was rendered specially interesting by the production of a new over-ture, entitled 'Queen of the Seas,' by Dr. Villiers Stanford. The work has been called into being by the tercentenary celebration of the defeat of the Spanish Armada, and is, of course, a piece of programme music. The composer has an English theme, a Spanish theme, and a sixteenth century psalm tune, to suggest the religious spirit which ani-mated our countrymen at the time. The "working out" portion of the overture is intended to illustrate the battle, and, as might be expected, the three subjects are combined and elaborated with very great musicianly skill, the climax being appro-priately triumphant. At a first hearing, however, the new overture seemed more remarkable for cleverness of construction than inspiration, and it was somewhat coldly received. We shall doubtless have opportunities for either confirming or modifying this initial impression. We have already spoken of Herr Meyer's ability as a violinist, and need only record that he gave, on the whole, satisfactory renderings of Beethoven's concerto and Dr. A. C. Mackenzie's, the latter conducted by the composer. Goetz's beautiful Symphony in F was included in the programme.

BYRD'S LOST MASSES.

In the issue of the Athenœum on June 25th last year you printed a communication I sent you with regard to the discovery at the Fitz-william Museum, Cambridge, of two scores of one of the lost masses of the great English composer William Byrd. Your readers who are interested in early music may remember that Byrd is known to have published three masses, printed copies of which can be traced in sale catalogues down to the beginning of the present century, though hitherto only one (that for five voices) was known to exist, in a unique copy, in the Library of the British Museum. Within the last few months a number of odd part-books were acquired by the Trustees of the Museum, amongst which were the superius, medius, tenor, and bassus parts of the second edition of the first book of Byrd's 'Gradualia.' The compositions in this collection are written for five, four, and three voices, and on examining the copies recently acquired for the Museum it was found that they were interleaved with a set of printed parts of all three of Byrd's masses, including the one

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of four voices, which was believed to be quite lost. Those for three and four voices are fortunately complete; that for five (of which the Museum already possesses a copy) wants the "quinta vox" part. None of the masses have title-pages, and it is probable that they were published without any. The register signatures show that they were not originally included in the 'Gradualia' and they are not to be found in the only dualia,' and they are not to be found in the only other copy accessible, viz., that in the Royal Library at Buckingham Palace.

A MS. score of the mass for four voices has been made, and I shall be pleased to show it to any one interested in the subject of Church music. The work is written throughout in the ninth and tenth modes, doubly transposed, and I think it will be generally admitted that it will raise the reputation of the English composer to a very distinguished place among his contemporaries. In parts the mass approaches very near to the dignity and beauty of Palestrina himself.

WM. BARCLAY SQUIRE.

Musical Gossip.

THE continued indisposition of Madame Neruda is a source of great disappointment to the frequenters of the Popular Concerts, but we are happy to state that the eminent violinist is now convalescent, and will probably resume her position at to-day's concert. Meanwhile Herr Straus has rendered excellent service at the leader's desk. Neither Saturday's nor Monday's programme was of a nature to demand lengthy criticism. On the former occasion Mendelssohn's Quartet in E flat, Op. 12 (substituted for Spohr's in A, Op. 93); Schumann's Sonata in A minor, for piano and violin, Op. 105, and the same composer's Quartet in E flat, Op. 47, were the concerted works. Mdlle. Janotha played Beethoven's Sonata in Eminor, Op. 90, and after three refusals accepted an encore. Mr. Lloyd likewise gave way after some familiar songs of Dvorak, and thus the salutary rule hitherto in force during the present season was broken, for the first, but we fear not for the last time.

SCHUMANN'S Quartet in a minor, Op. 41, No. 1, opened Monday's programme, and the only other concerted work of importance was Rubinstein's Pianoforte Trio in B flat, Op. 52. This is one of the Russian composer's most musicianly and pleasing works, the slow movement and the scherzo being especially attractive. Madame Essipoff was the pianist, her solos being an air of Gluck and a caprice of Scarlatti. These were charmingly played, but her fondness for over-accentuation quite destroyed the balance in the accentuation quite destroyed the balance in the trio, the strings being at times inaudible. Mr. Thorndike introduced an exceedingly pleasing and fanciful 'Spanish Lullaby,' with violoncello obbligato, by Mr. Gerard Cobb.

Mr. John A. Dykes, who gave a pianoforte recital at the Princes' Hall on Friday last week, has the making of an excellent performer, but he must not think of relinquishing his studies at present. Technically, there was much to praise in his rendering of Beethoven's Sonata, Op. 27, No. 1; Schumann's Fantasia in 0, Op. 17; and some pieces by Chopin, though his style was, on the whole, somewhat dry and cold. Mr. Dykes may be encouraged to persevere, as his defects are merely those of youth.

HERR MAX HEINRICH and Mr. Emanuel Moor gave the first of three vocal and pianoforte recitals at the Steinway Hall on the same afternoon. Mr. Moor is an energetic pianist and a composer of some ability.

THE second of the Patti Concerts took place at the Albert Hall on Tuesday, the public interest in the event being unprecedented, not a seat remaining quite a week beforehand. The explanation of this is probably twofold: concerts are unusually prosperous this season, and the time must be rapidly approaching when the unique gifts of Madame Patti will begin to show symptoms of exhaustion. So far as could be

judged on Tuesday her voice is still gaining in fulness, and her method is as perfect as ever; but there was a certain hardness of quality in the upper register. Miss Marianne Eissler, Mr. Lloyd, and Mr. Santley took part in the concert, and the accompaniments were well played by Mr. Ganz's orchestra.

SIMPLE record is all that is required concerning last Saturday's Crystal Palace Concert.

Mozart's g minor Symphony, Mr. MacCunn's ballade 'Lord Ullin's Daughter,' and Berlioz's overture 'Les Francs Juges' were the most familiar orchestral items, Mr. F. Praeger's Pre-lude to Byron's 'Manfred' being a quasi-novelty. M. Marsick displayed excellent tone and a very expressive style in Wieniawski's Violin Concerto in D. No. 2. The choir was heard in Schubert's in D, No. 2. The choir was heard in Schubert's 23rd Psalm for female voices. Mdlle. Antoinette Trebelli was the only solo vocalist.

MADAME ESSIPOFF gave her third pianoforte recital at the Steinway Hall on Wednesday afternoon. The principal item of a very diversified programme was Schumann's Fantasia in c, Op. 17, the rendering of which was characterized by the usual merits and defects of the Russian pianist's efforts. A few episodes were played with charming delicacy and feeling, but in all forte passages Madame Essipoff injured Schumann's intentions by over-emphasizing the left hand part. To use the lowest notes of the key-board on every possible occasion, irrespec-tive of the text, is as ineffective as it is inartistic, and we cannot understand Madame Essipoff's fondness for a mannerism which only results in mere noise. Her physical powers are so far above the average that a position in the first rank of pianists would be at her command should she care to claim it.

THE Heckmann Quartet gave their second concert at the Princes' Hall on Wednesday evening, when excellent performances were given of Beethoven's Quartet in A minor, Op. 132; Mendelssohn's, in E flat, Op. 12; and Beethoven's Sonata in D, for piano and violoncello, Op. 105. No. 2, the executants in the last-named Op. 105, No. 2, the executants in the last-named work being Madame Haas and Herr Bellmann.

THE forthcoming Carl Rosa opera season at Liverpool will last for eight weeks, commencing on December 31st. The only addition to the on December 31st. The only addition to the repertory will be an English version of Meyerbeer's 'L'Étoile du Nord,' with Madame Georbeer's gina Burns in the leading rôle, but the company has received several additions.

THE programme of Sir Charles Halle's concert in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, last Thursday evening included Mendelssohn's 'Scotch' Symphony, the overtures to 'Anacreon' and 'La Part du Diable,' two movements from Raff's 'Italian' Suite, and a concerto by Paganini played by Herr Ondricek.

A COMMITTEE has been formed in Milan for the celebration of Verdi's jubilee in 1889. It is hoped that a "cycle" of his operas will be performed, if possible with the co-operation of Patti and the tenor Masini.

Le Ménestrel states that Anton Rubinstein is at present engaged on an oratorio, the subject of which is the preservation of the life of the Czar and his family. The composer has written to the emperor, asking permission to dedicate the work to him, and Alexander III. has replied that he will be happy to see his name figure at the head of a new masterpiece by Rubinstein.

It is well known that Arrigo Boito, the composer of 'Mefistofele,' is also a poet, who not only, like Wagner, writes his own libretti, but who has also written for Verdi the book of 'Otello.' Boito has lately translated Shakspeare's 'Antony and Cleopatra' into Italian, and his translation has just been brought out at the Manzoni Theatre, Milan.

THROUGH the activity of Signor Galasso a musical society has been founded at Naples, which will give eight concerts yearly and perform important vocal and instrumental works. Spontini's 'Vestale' is to be among the first

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Bramatic Cossip.

'LADY CLARE,' Mr. Buchanan's version of 'Le Maître de Forges,' was revived at an afternoon representation at Terry's Theatre, with Miss Janette Steer as the heroine. Miss Steer has improved in style. The support afforded her was, however, inadequate.

'THE DEPUTY REGISTRAR,' an uproarious farce in three acts, by Messrs. Horace Sedger and Ralph Lumley, was given at the Criterion on the afternoon of Friday in last week. It is a wild and preposterous piece, and was played with much spirit and some noise by Mr. Alfred Maltby, Mr. Henry Ashley, and Miss Annie

MISS KATE VAUGHAN has been playing during the past week at the Grand Theatre in Love and Honour, an adaptation by Mr. Campball and Honour,' an adaptation by Mr. Campbell Clarke of the 'M. Alphonse' of M. Alexandre Dumas. She also appeared in a dancing sketch, entitled 'How it happened.'

'TARES,' a play by Mrs. Oscar Beringer, produced last January at the Prince of Wales, will, with some modification, be revived at a West-end theatre. Mr. Forbes Robertson will resume his original character of Nigel, and Miss Kate Rorke will play Margaret.

'THE DUCHESS OF BAYSWATER & Co.' is the title of a farce by Mr. Heathcote, produced on Saturday last at the Haymarket. It is a satire, not particularly brilliant, upon aristocratic traders. The Dowager Duchess of Bayswater is at the head of a food supply association, and her son the duke is a species of general dealer, touting for orders in private circles. Miss Carlotta Leclerq and Mr. Brookfield play the principal parts 'Captain Swift,' which has run for a hundred nights, is still popular, thanks to an interpretation which is efficient all round, and is eminently so as regards one or two leading cha-

THE Criterion is to be closed for redecoration, and will reopen early in January with Mr. Charles Wyndham in 'David Garrick.'

DRURY LANE closes to-night for rehearsals of the pantomime of 'The Babes in the Wood.'

No change has been made at the Royalty, 'Niniche' having been sufficiently popular to be repeated during the past week.

'BREAK O' DAY,' the new drama of Messrs. Sims and Pettitt, is to be produced at the Adelphi on Friday next; Saturday, the day originally fixed, having been resigned to Mr. Irving's production of 'Macbeth.'

A so-called professional matinée of Mr. Gilbert's drama of 'Brantinghame Hall' was given at the St. James's Theatre on Tuesday. Marked improvement was manifested in the actors, notably in Miss Julia Neilson, whose performance of the heroine displayed some power, and the whole occasion had much interest

'STORMCOAST,' a new drama by Mr. Frederick Vanneck, was produced at the Globe Theatro on Tuesday afternoon. It is a crude work of which no more will probably be heard.

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